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## Delhi Looks For Lead From Wardha

### STALIN SUMMONS RED ARMY CHIEFS & MOLOTOV



K. E. Voroshilov  
Soviet minister of defense

#### Sabotage Feared In Finnish Campaign SOVIET BOMBERS RAID HELSINKI

LONDON, Dec. 19.

M. Stalin had a long talk with M. Molotov and Soviet Army Chiefs at Moscow.

'OGPU' CHIEF TO SCENE

ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH WIRELESS THE CHIEF POLITICAL COMMISSAR AND THE CHIEF OF THE OGPU LEFT MOSCOW FOR THE FINNISH FRONT TO INVESTIGATE RECENT CASES OF DISAFFECTION AMONG RUSSIAN TROOPS.

#### KREMLIN DISSATISFIED

THE KREMLIN IS SAID TO BE HIGHLY DISSATISFIED WITH THE CONDUCT OF THE FINNISH CAMPAIGN AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT SEVERE MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST THE RUSSIAN COMMANDERS ON THE FRONT.

#### SOVIET 'PLANES OVER FINNISH CAPITAL

Soviet aircraft flew over Helsinki to-day. It is learnt that the machines dropped no bombs, but they met with heavy anti-aircraft fire.

#### HELSINKI VERSION

A Helsinki cable says:—Russian bombs were dropped on the outskirts of Helsinki this morning. Eighteen Russian planes participated in the raid, but only four succeeded in reaching the Capital. They flew over a great height.

Enemy aircraft were especially active on the south coast of Finland yesterday. It is reported some bombers were shot down. It is stated that near Viborg the Russians bombed a hospital which was marked with the Red Cross.

#### The Only Damage

A later cable says:—Soviet warplanes dropped sixteen high-explosive bombs around the Capital to-day, but the only casualties were five birds and the only damage done was a number of large craters on a piece of waste land. In a later raid on Port Abo (Turku) two houses were destroyed.

#### RED TROOPS CROSS CENTRAL FINLAND

A Copenhagen cable says:—Pushing across Central Finland in an attempt to cut the country in two, Russians are reported to have been successful at Salla just North of the "Wasp Waist" in a drive against Kemijarvi some 50 miles further west.

If the report is true, Finnish troops are in danger of being cut off from supplies in the South. On the Petsamo Front, the Finnish position is reported to be more than dangerous. A Russian victory is reported in a battle South of Petsamo and a Russian drive towards Pitkajarvi claimed in a Soviet 'communique' is confirmed here.

Three Russian regiments are reported to be destroyed by Finns on the Suomussalmi Front. The Finns are holding their own south of Lake Ladoga.

#### "Red" Reinforcement

A Helsinki cable says:—A further 200,000 picked men from the Moscow Garrison have been brought up to reinforce the

Russian troops, according to Finnish reconnaissance reports. It is believed that these are destined for an attempt to penetrate the Mannerheim Line. The total Russian forces on the various fronts are now estimated at half a million. Finland has only 350,000 men mobilised. Russian losses are estimated at 30 to 40 thousand men and 250 tanks.

#### Small-pox Epidemic

Breaks Out  
A Helsinki cable says:—Smallpox has broken out among the Russian army in Finland. Reports reaching here state that the outbreak is spreading rapidly and has already reached the proportion of an epidemic. All Finnish soldiers are being hastily re-vaccinated together with all persons living in the frontier regions. All vaccine available in Finland has been requisitioned.

#### Conflicting Soviet-Finnish Claims

Earlier cables state:—A Russian attack in great force on the Karelian Isthmus on Sunday was repulsed and 25 tanks were destroyed. The attacks elsewhere were also repulsed and 10 tanks were destroyed. The Finnish Communique further announces that altogether



Josef Stalin  
Chief Commissar, Soviet Union

212 enemy tanks have been destroyed.

A Moscow Communique claims that Red Army troops have occupied the town of Pitkajarvi. American Help To Finland  
It is understood that 44 of the order for 54 warplanes originally placed with the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation for the United States Navy will be sent to Finland.

The Navy's order will be completed later.—Reuter.

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### Awaiting Concrete Proposals!

Hopes Mahatma Won't Precipitate Crisis  
But Govt. Prepared For All eventualities

(From Our Correspondent.)  
NEW DELHI, December 19.  
One explanation offered in New Delhi regarding the Viceroy's preference for silence on the political situation and the constitutional deadlock is that Lord Linlithgow has nothing to add to his broadcast and the statement made after the unsuccessful Joint Conference at the Viceroy's house between Gandhiji, the Congress President and Mr. Jinnah.

AWAITING AGREED DEMAND  
It appears Government expect Congress to make the next move either to make concrete proposals, which should enable the Government to know what the Congress wanted, apart from the declaration for Dominion Status within the meaning of the Statute of Westminster as made by Sir Samuel Hoare or to make a bid for communal agreement, which should furnish the Government grounds for moving in the matter of constitutional advance in whatever form desired including the medium of a limited form of Constituent Assembly for ascertaining Indian agreed demands and proposals.

GOVERNMENT VIGILANCE  
Meanwhile Government would not take the initiative in resolving the political deadlock. As the possibility of Civil Disobedience campaign is not completely ruled out, the Government on their part are examining the position and keeping constant touch with manifestations of the campaign in any form in any part of the country. They are from their viewpoint fully prepared for all eventualities, although, at the same time, hopes have not been abandoned that Mahatma Gandhi would not precipitate a mass movement. "Governments should not allow themselves ever to be caught napping". This observation in New Delhi suggests official preparedness.

### CRIPPS RAISES MINORITIES ISSUE

But Supports Whole-Heartedly Constituent Assembly Demand

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 19.  
Sir Stafford Cripps met members of the Working Committee and had a heart to heart talk for over two hours after the business of the day was over.

While wholeheartedly supporting the idea of a Constituent Assembly, Sir Stafford Cripps is reported to have raised the problem of the minorities in the course of the discussion.

It was pointed out to him that there were acuter minority problems prevailing in Ireland and Canada which had people of different culture and faith as also belonging to different nationalities.

Earlier Sir Stafford Cripps was closeted with Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, ex-Premier of Madras for about an hour.

CRIPPS MEET MAHATMA  
Sir Stafford Cripps and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru went to Shegaon this morning to meet Mahatma Gandhi. Sir Stafford took meals at the Ashram and returned to the bungalow of Seth Jamlal Bajaj where he had talks with the leaders.

Sir Stafford leaves for Calcutta to-morrow en route to China.—United Press.

### MAULANA AZAD TO BE NATION'S TRIBUNE?

#### N. R. SARKAR RESIGNS

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19.  
Mr. Nalin Ranjan Sarkar, Finance Minister, authorises the Associated Press to state that he has tendered his resignation.

It is understood that Mr. Sarkar is seeing the Governor this afternoon and an official announcement is expected to follow. It is believed that the resignation is due to the difference of opinion between Mr. Sarkar and his colleagues in the Cabinet on the question of the Bengal Government's war resolution, passed by the Assembly yesterday.

Justifying the stand he had taken with regard to the war resolution in the Bengal Assembly Mr. N. R. Sarkar said that he thought that Section 64 of the Government of India Act gave him ample power as Minister to express his individual views on the matter.

Referring to the statement made by the Leader of the Coalition Party in the Upper House that Mr. Sarkar was an emissary of the parallel Government at Wardha, Mr. Sarkar said that as matters were developing in Bengal he would prefer to look for guidance from Wardha which had come to be regarded by him as a place of pilgrimage than to figure as an obedient disciple of Mount Pleasant Road, Bombay.

SARKAR'S SUCCESSOR  
From lobby talks it transpires that on behalf of the Hon. Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, the Maharajkumar Udaychand Mahatab of Burdwan has been approached to fill the vacancy in the Bengal Cabinet caused by the resignation of Mr. N. R. Sarkar. The Maharajkumar is meeting the Governor this evening presumably in this connection.

As regards the distribution of portfolios it has not yet been decided as to who will have the portfolio of finance, but there is likelihood of reshuffling the portfolios. Sir B. P. Singh Roy is expected to have the responsibility of Finance Minister.—A.P. & U.P.

### Wardha Expects Every One To Be At His Post Ready To Obey Call

#### CABINET DISCUSSES BENGAL DISPUTE

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 19.

Although there has been no definite talk among the members of the Working Committee as to who may be the next Congress President, the name of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad is being freely mentioned in this connection in political circles here.

#### CONGRESS EXECUTIVE ON BENGAL DISPUTE

The Congress Working Committee adjourned at 7 p.m. to meet again at 9 a.m. to-morrow. Mahatma Gandhi left the meeting at 5 p.m. and returned to Shegaon.

The report of the auditors regarding the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee was considered by the Working Committee, but no decision on the question was taken.

The rest of the time was devoted to a further discussion of the political situation on the basis, it is understood, of a draft statement presented by Mahatma Gandhi.

#### Bengal Disputes

The "United Press" understands that the resolution on the Bengal question will touch the Congress disputes of Bengal as also the Auditor's Report and it is likely that a small committee will be appointed with powers to take up all election matters relating to Congress Committees.

#### Mahatma And Zetland's Statement

Mahatma Gandhi on being approached by Pressmen told them that he had not yet read the Viceroy's speech nor the statement of Mr. Jinnah, but was appraised of their gist. Rashtrapathi Babu Rajendra Prasad told the "United Press"

that he had read a portion relating to the Minority problems and did not want to make any comment.

#### Congress Cabinet To Issue "Be Prepared" Call

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 19.

The Working Committee is likely to finish its business by the 21st instant, if not to-morrow. Dr. Bishan Chandra Roy is leaving to-morrow morning for Calcutta.

As one leading member of the High Command told the "United Press" nothing has cropped up between Allahabad and now, that required the Working Committee to give a fresh lead beyond reviewing the present political situation. The same leader added with a smile: "We shall see how much of it is worth repeating."

As, on the one hand while Mr. Jinnah's "Thanksgiving" Manifesto has closed for the present the chapter of the Congress-League negotiations, Lord Zetland's speech has served only to accentuate the pessimism in Congress circles as to the utility of keeping the door open for a happy solution. While reviewing the present political situation the Working Committee is likely to lay further stress on internal discipline and the constructive programme on a mass scale, including contact with the minorities.

"BE PREPARED" CALL  
The demand for a Constituent Assembly will be reiterated along with a clarion call to Congress organisations to prepare themselves for any eventuality.

#### SIND RIOTS

Besides consideration of the present political situation, the Working Committee will discuss the situation created by the recent riots in Sind and the "United Press" understands that the Congress President has received detailed accounts of the recent happenings there from reliable sources. The matter is engaging the serious attention of the Committee.

#### ELECTIONS TO COUNCILS

Among other things the question of whether the Congress should contest the Provincial Council Elections in March, 1940, will also come up before the Committee. It is likely that the Congress will decide on contesting the elections inasmuch as the present balance in the Councils having a Congress majority might be disturbed otherwise. Details would be examined before a final decision is taken.

#### ASSAM QUESTION

Regarding the Ministerial situation in Assam and the reference which H. E. the Viceroy has made to it in his speech at Calcutta, the "United Press" was told by a leading member of the Committee that there was no likelihood of the matter coming up before the Committee.—United Press.

#### Wardha Reaction To Viceroy's Speech

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 19.  
The Viceroy's Calcutta speech (Continued on Page 7 Col. 4)



Gandhiji, accompanied by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, leaving Shegaon to attend the Congress Working Committee Meeting on Monday afternoon.

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Bombay, 15th December, 1939. 1593

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M. D. BHAT,  
Municipal Commissioner,  
For the City of Bombay.  
Municipal Offices,  
Bombay, 20th December, 1939. 1604.

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M. D. BHAT,  
Municipal Commissioner,  
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## COTTON

## LATEST NEW YORK

| COTTON PRICES          |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| MARCH 1940             |       |
| New York: December 19. | 10.88 |
| Previous closing       | 10.88 |
| Today's opening        | 10.82 |
| Today's closing        | 10.71 |
| Difference             | -17   |

## LIVERPOOL COTTON

| MARCH 1940              |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Liverpool: December 19. | 8.50 |
| Previous closing        | 8.50 |
| Today's opening         | 8.46 |
| Today's closing         | 8.44 |
| Difference              | -6   |

## BOMBAY COTTON

Broach April/May opened to night at Rs. 32.00 and declined to Rs. 31.50 on some selling pressure. After recovering again to Rs. 32.00 the market closed finally at Rs. 31.75.

## NEW YORK COTTON

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange—

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| March (10.97/10.82) | 10.82/10.81 |
| May (10.82/10.71)   | 10.71/10.70 |
| July (10.71/10.60)  | 10.60/10.59 |

## LIVERPOOL COTTON

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Liverpool: December 19.    | 8.50      |
| American March (8.48/8.47) | 8.47/8.46 |
| January (8.47/8.46)        | 8.46/8.45 |
| February (8.46/8.45)       | 8.45/8.44 |
| March (8.45/8.44)          | 8.44/8.43 |
| April (8.44/8.43)          | 8.43/8.42 |
| May (8.43/8.42)            | 8.42/8.41 |
| June (8.42/8.41)           | 8.41/8.40 |
| July (8.41/8.40)           | 8.40/8.39 |
| August (8.39/8.38)         | 8.38/8.37 |
| September (8.37/8.36)      | 8.36/8.35 |
| October (8.35/8.34)        | 8.34/8.33 |
| November (8.33/8.32)       | 8.32/8.31 |
| December (8.31/8.30)       | 8.30/8.29 |

## LONDON COMMODITIES

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Dundee December (15.1/15.2)    | 15.1/15.2 |
| Lightning December (15.1/15.2) | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH COTTON

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH SILVER

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH GOLD

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH RICE

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH SUGAR

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH OIL

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH LIME

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH SOAP

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH FLOUR

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH BUTTER

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH EGGS

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH CORN

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH WHEAT

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH BARLEY

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH OATS

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## CASH PEAS

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| December 19.   | 15.1/15.2 |
| January 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| February 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| March 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| April 1940     | 15.1/15.2 |
| May 1940       | 15.1/15.2 |
| June 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| July 1940      | 15.1/15.2 |
| August 1940    | 15.1/15.2 |
| September 1940 | 15.1/15.2 |
| October 1940   | 15.1/15.2 |
| November 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |
| December 1940  | 15.1/15.2 |

## EXCHANGES

## CROSS RATES

| T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Previous closing         | 10.88 |
| Today's opening          | 10.82 |
| Today's closing          | 10.71 |
| Difference               | -17   |

## T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON PARIS

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON BOMBAY

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON CALCUTTA

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON MADRAS

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON COCHIN

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON BATAVIA

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON SINGAPORE

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON PHILIPPINES

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON HOLLAND

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON INDIA

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON CEYLON

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON BURMA

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON SRI LANKA

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON MALAYA

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Previous closing | 10.88 |
| Today's opening  | 10.82 |
| Today's closing  | 10.71 |
| Difference       | -17   |

## LONDON ON SINGAPORE

|               |                                           |          |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Best American | Jan. 33/14/6                              | sellers. |
| Wheat         | Jan. 32/14/3; March 33/14/3; July 35/10/9 | sellers. |
| Gram          | Jan. 38/11; July 38/9.                    |          |
| Toria         | Feb. 50/2/6; March 51/8.                  |          |

**METRO**  
DAILY AT 3.30-6.30-10 P.M.  
TELEPHONE 31045

LAST 2 DAYS!



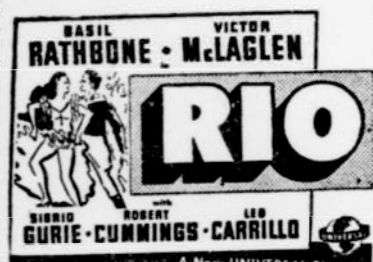
**FRIDAY**  
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**JOAN CRAWFORD**  
**ROSALIND RUSSELL**

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SHOCKING! THAT ONE WOMAN SHOULD WRITE SUCH A STORY ABOUT OTHER WOMEN!

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Daily: 4, 7, 10 p.m.  
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# BOMBAY and SUBURBS

## Local

### Engagements

#### To-day

Hindu: Mahar Sud 9, 1936  
Kavim: Joked 8, 1936  
Parsi: Tir 16, 1395  
High tide: 6:19; 19:10  
Low tide: 00:00; 12:43  
Sunrise: 7h. 7m.  
Sunset: 5h. 6m.  
Municipal Corporation: 2 p.m. (B.T.)

**BYCULLA CONGRESS COMMITTEE**  
An urgent meeting of Byculla District Congress Committee will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 9 p.m. in the Committee's office.

**UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS**  
A public meeting for Questions and Answers will be held to-day (Wednesday) at J. H. Wadia Building opp. Flora Fountain, at 6:15 p.m. All questions are welcome.

**WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
The meeting of the Organisation Sub-Committee will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 3.30 p.m. in the Social Service League, Hall, Sandhurst Road, Girgaon, Bombay.

**MAHAJAN ASSOCIATION**  
The annual ordinary general meeting of Shri Mahajan Association, Ltd. is to be held to-day (Wednesday) at 10.30 a.m. (B.T.) in its Trading Hall.

**SOCIAL WORKERS SOCIETY**  
For sanitary round and visiting chavlis, the members of the Society will meet to-day (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. at Forts Road Tram Junction.

**DONDE'S CANDIDATURE**  
Principal Mr. Donde of the Gokhale Education Society offers himself as a candidate for election to the University Senate to represent the Municipal Boroughs of Thana, Bandra, Kurla, Nasik and Ratnagiri.

**NAGPADA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**  
There will be a public lecture on "Faint Facts about Finland and Poland" by Mr. W. W. Russell, of the European Progressive Group to-day (Wednesday) at 6.30 p.m. The lecture will be followed by a discussion.

**PRAYERS AT KAZI STREET MOSQUE**  
The Trustee of the New Kazi Street Mosque, writes:—All Muslims are informed that in response to the declaration of 'Qaid-e-Azam' Mr. A. A. Jinnah, prayers will be offered in the New Kazi Mohalla Mosque on (Friday) at 7 p.m. (B.T.) after the Isha prayers.

**GANDHI SEVA SANGH SHOP**  
The Village Industries and Pure Food Products Shop conducted by the Gandhi Seva Sangh in Nair Bldg., Sandhurst Road, will be shifted to New Petit Bldg., opp. the Fire Brigade Station Gwalia Tank Rd. from 1st January, 1940.

**'CONGRESS RADICALS' MEETING**  
Under the auspices of the 'Ward League of Radical Congressmen' a public meeting will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 7.30 p.m. at Choga Street, Fort, Bombay, Messrs. Karmik, Rajaram Pande, Shastri, Shetty and Heade will speak on "Congress and the Constituent Assembly."

**STUDENTS' BROTHERHOOD**  
The adjourned meeting of the general meeting of the Bombay Students' Brotherhood will be held on Sunday (24th Dec.) at the Muslim Students' Union Hall, Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Chompatty. The agenda will be election of President, Vice-President and the Managing Committee for the current year.

**INSPECTION ROUND AT VILE PARLE**  
The Inspection Committee of the Vile Parle Municipality will be visiting the 'D' Ward at Anheri on Thursday (21st Dec.) for inspection and for acquainting themselves with the grievances of the public, if any. Those desirous of interviewing the Committee are requested to remain present at Gazdar Hall, Anheri, at 2 a.m. on that day.

**RS. 20,000 FOR BROACH SEVASHRAM**  
The Sevashram, Broach, has received from Messrs. Damji Shiji, Narandas Dharansey and Lalji Devkar, Trustees of the Radhakrishna Tulsiad, Charitable Trusts, through their Solicitors, Messrs. Dayaji and Dipchand, a generous donation of Rs. 20,000 for an X-Ray Department to be named after Shriemati Radhakrishna Tulsiad.

**BOMBAY PORT HAJ COMMITTEE**  
Intimation has been received from Messrs. Turner, Morrison and Company, Ltd., Bombay, that their s.s. "Telam" will sail for Aden via Karachi with liberty to call at Jeddah not later than the 26th December 1939. She has a carrying capacity of 1st Class 100 and Deck 1514, making a total of 1514. The date is approximate only and subject to alteration without notice.

**KAMGAR SEVA SANGH INQUIRY INTO RICE PRICES**  
Consequent upon an inquiry with regard to rise in prices undertaken by the Kamgar Seva Sangh, Bombay, it was found that most frequent range of rise is from 25 per cent to 40 per cent affecting rice, wheat, jowar, bajri, sugar, kerosene, etc. The Sangh has submitted a representation to the Government of Bombay and has requested it to bring down prices with the reasonable control. It will be remembered that the Sangh has appealed to the Bombay Millowners' Association in this connection and it is now understood that the Bombay M. O. A. has promised to consider Sangh's appeal sympathetically.

**HAI PILGRIMS**  
The Publicity Officer of the Government of Bombay writes:—It is announced by the Government of India for information of persons who intend to proceed to the Hedjaz for the performance of the Haj Pilgrimage in January 1940 that Indian currency will be accepted in the Hedjaz at the daily rates of exchange less a deduction of 19 per cent. Each pilgrim is permitted to carry with him up to Rs. 425 worth of gold pounds if he travels as a deck passenger and up to Rs. 1,200 worth of gold pounds if he is a cabin passenger.

### Bassein Free From Plague

The Publicity Officer to the Government of Bombay, writes:—A telegram from the Government of Burma says that the town and port of Bassein have been declared free from plague from December 4.

### November Earnings Of 'Best' Company

The gross receipts of the Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Company for the month of November 1939 for electric supply was Rs. 7,12,272 and Traction receipts Rs. 7,11,522. The total for the year till November for same was respectively Rs. 82,59,074 and Rs. 74,75,221.

## Amusements Of The Day

**CAPITOL**—"The Miedo". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.  
**REGAL**—"Rio". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.  
**METRO**—"Thunder Afloat". Daily at 3.30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.  
**EXCELSIOR**—"The Real Glory". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.  
**NEW EMPIRE**—"Fifth Avenue Girl". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.  
**MAJESTIC**—"Brave Zenda". Daily at 4.15, 7 and 10 p.m.  
**ROYAL**—"Kangan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.  
**MINDERA**—"Pukar". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

## RAHIMTOOLA CUP CRICKET

### Elphinstone College Set For Victory

Resuming their first innings against Elphinstone College, in the final of the Rahimtoola Inter-Collegiate Cricket Tournament, on Tuesday, the Bombay Gymkhana Ground, Sydenham, the Elphinstone College team, who were all out for the addition of only 11 runs to their overnight score of 39 for 3, K. K. Sanjana and S. Varde, who shared the bowling honours for Elphinstone College, capturing 4 wickets each for 11 and 35 runs respectively. Going in on their second venture, with a lead of 139 runs, the Elphinstone team had knocked out 167 runs for the loss of only 5 wickets when closure was applied for the day—the match to be continued to-day. U. M. Chandarana, batting steadily was unbeaten with 94, while K. G. Patel contributed a valuable 41. Elphinstone College, with 5 wickets still intact, have established a commanding lead of 301 runs and are well set for a decisive victory.

#### Scores

**ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE.**  
(First Innings: 249.)  
U. M. Chandarana, not out ..... 94  
V. M. Chandarana, c. Katky, b. Revd. Ramnath ..... 41  
P. S. Varde, c. Revd. Ramnath, b. M. N. Rajji ..... 12  
B. G. Patel, st. Kapadia, b. V. N. Rajji ..... 41  
K. K. Sanjana, b. M. N. Rajji ..... 15  
M. S. Naik, b. Katky ..... 7  
P. C. Engineer, not out ..... 9  
Extras ..... 13  
Total for 5 wickets ..... 167

**FALL OF WICKETS.**  
1 for 47, 2 for 67, 3 for 135, 4 for 156, 5 for 166.  
**SYDENHAM COLLEGE.**  
First Innings.  
Prabhu, L. W. Sanjana ..... 19  
R. V. Kapadia, c. Varde, b. M. N. Rajji ..... 46  
P. J. Diwakar, st. Varde, b. Engineer ..... 22  
D'Souza, c. Patel, b. Sanjana ..... 9  
V. N. Rajji, b. Sanjana ..... 4  
P. N. Burch, c. Varde, b. Sanjana ..... 19  
M. N. Rajji, st. Varde, b. Engineer ..... 19  
H. Revd. Ramnath, st. Varde, b. Engineer ..... 5  
A. Merchant, not out ..... 0  
R. Pednekar, c. M. N. Rajji, b. Engineer ..... 0  
Katky, c. Patel, b. N. R. Rao ..... 4  
Extras ..... 4  
Total ..... 110  
S. N. Maita 1 for 13, K. Sanjana 4 for 11, V. M. Chandarana 0 for 15, M. Engineer 4 for 33, B. R. Nagaraja Rao 1 for 34.

### Kher And Madan Visit Literacy Classes

Mr. B. G. Kher, the ex-Premier, Mr. J. A. Madan, the Education Minister, to the Government of Bombay, the Hon. Mr. Mangaldas M. Pakvasa and Messrs. K. V. Parulekar and M. M. Shanbhag visited literacy classes on Monday. Mr. K. T. Mantri, the Special Literacy Officer showed them round and introduced the organisers and supervisors of the Adult Education Committee. Mr. Kher with Mr. Shanbhag and Mr. Mantri began the visit programme from Dharavi and saw some Marathi, Kannada and Hindi classes. Mr. Kher paid a flying visit to the night school conducted by the S. Indian Association. The party then visited classes in Naugram where Messrs. Madan, Pakvasa and Parulekar joined them. The party then visited classes for all languages at Sewri, Cement Chavlis, Ghodapada and Vijay Glass Works.

The programme concluded with a visit to the Dockyard Hill, where they addressed a meeting of pupils.

### Public Health Works In Bombay Province

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—Nearly Rs. 12,30,000 were spent by the local bodies in Bombay Province for public health works during the year 1937-38. This information is given in the latest annual report of the Board of Public Health Works, Bombay Province, a body which advises Government on all general questions of sanitary policy and helps and advises local bodies in connection with sanitary improvements and public health measures. The Public health works carried out for local bodies by Government agency (Public Works Department staff) cost them Rs. 1,52,000, while works executed at the expense of provincial revenues involved an outlay of Rs. 4,54,000. The Board approved 11 health engineering projects during the year. Four related to drainage schemes in Sholapur costing in all about Rs. 5 lakhs; two were drainage works in Gadag-Bettigeri and Bandra costing Rs. 24,000 and Rs. 22,000 respectively. The remaining five were water supply works in Sholapur, Dhulia, Khed and Bijapur on which the estimated outlay is Rs. 27,00,000. Since the reorganisation in 1933, the Public Health Board has approved 36 public health projects, of which 12 schemes have been actually carried out except with the consent of the majority of the body. This meeting, therefore, calls upon the Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha to convene a meeting to discuss the constitutional issue involved so that proper action may be taken in the matter.

### Elocution Competition At Bandra

"Entertaining as well as educative" was the consensus of opinion of those who were present at the Catholic Schools Elocution Competition held at the Bandra Gymkhana on Saturday evening. The Stanislaus' High School besides winning the championship also carried away the cups for "Boys under eight years" and "Boys over eight but under 13 years." There was a keen fight for the third cup between L. Telis, who declaimed a very pathetic poem and K. R. Kapur who won the cup with "Old Father William." The Hon. Mr. Justice Wadia, who presided, after giving away the trophies and the prizes, congratulated the competitors.

## CITY MUNICIPAL BUDGET DISCUSSED IN 21 MEETINGS

### Scrutiny Results In Increase In Deficit

Twenty-one special meetings of the Standing Committee were held from November 15 to December 9, for the consideration of the Budget Estimates for the year 1940-41 with Dr. J. V. Vora, Chairman, Standing Committee in the Chair.

As a result of the Standing Committee's scrutiny, the Estimates of Expenditure under Establishment and Labour have been reduced by Rs. 55,000 and those in respect of other budget heads by about Rs. 1,98 lakhs. The reductions in expenditure have been more than counter balanced by increases in expenditure under various heads principal among these being Rs. 68,000 in respect of running and maintenance of Municipal motor vehicles on account of rise in price of petrol, etc., and Rs. two lakhs under Primary Education.

Out of this increased provision a sum of Rs. 1.50 lakhs represents the amount specially set aside by the Standing Committee for the extension of compulsory primary Education in the A. B. C. D. and E. Wards of the City.

The scrutiny of the Standing Committee has thus resulted in the deficit being Rs. 9.35 lakhs as estimated by the Commissioner being increased to Rs. 9.68 lakhs.

The Committee have reduced the Loan Works Expenditure by about Rs. 3.64 lakhs due to the war conditions and have provided only for the completion of such works as are in progress and such new works as are essential in the interest of health and sanitation of the City.

### Death Of Mr. Harijan Valji

The death occurred in Bombay of Mr. Harijan Valji, a leading piecegoods merchants of the city, on Saturday. The 'Uthamania' ceremony was performed at his residence at Chompatty, on Monday. Mr. Valji was associated with the Bombay Humanitarian League for a long time and was its Vice-President for some years. He rendered timely help to merchants dealing in British cotton manufactures during the crisis following the last World War. In recognition of his services to the trade, he was presented with an address by the piecegoods merchants. He was recently created a Justice of the Peace.

### Reception To Swami Virajanandji

A meeting of the members of the Committee for public reception of Swami Virajanandji of Ramakrishna Math and Mission, Belur Math, Calcutta, will be held at the Mayor's Room, Corporation Building, Bombay, to-day (Wednesday) at 6.15 p.m. to consider the final report.

**LATE PROF. RAMDEVJI**  
Under the auspices of Matunga Arya Samaj a condolence resolution was passed on Saturday last on the death of Acharya Ramdevji.

### Parel Hindu Sabha

Mr. V. R. Nawalkar writes:—The following resolution was passed at the meeting of the Managing Committee of the Parel Hindu Sabha, held on Monday:—This meeting of the Managing Committee of Parel Hindu Sabha strongly protests against the statement alleged to have been made by Rao Bahadur S. K. Bole, the President of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha to the representative of the 'Times of India' and published in the issue of the 'Times of India' of the 18th inst. withdrawing the resolution recently passed by Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha at its annual general meeting in connection with the Deliverance Day appeal of Mr. M. A. Jinnah and asserts that, as the Hindu Sabha is a democratic organisation, its President has no right whatsoever to withdraw the resolution once passed except with the consent of the majority of the body. This meeting, therefore, calls upon the Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha to convene a meeting to discuss the constitutional issue involved so that proper action may be taken in the matter.

### All-India Hindustan Scouts' Mela

The first All-India Hindustan Scouts' Mela will be held at Amritsar during the Christmas, i. e. from Dec. 26 to Dec. 30. Pandit Javaharlal Nehru, Mrs. Vijay Lakshmi Pandit, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Khan Bahadur Allah Bux, Shri Sampurnanand, Qazi Attaulah and others are expected to participate in the various functions of the Mela.

## AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A shop belonging to Hira-chand Danaji was broken open and silver ornaments valued at Rs. 500 were stolen on the night of December 1.

One Barkya was alleged to have handed the property to one Savitri Bai, the second suspect, for safe custody. The woman was stated to have disposed some ornaments.

Both the suspects were arrested by the Kachchowki Police and were produced to-day before Mr. K. C. Thakar at the Dadar Court, who remanded them into Police custody till the 23rd December.

A theft is alleged to have taken place in the residence of Mr. H. V. R. Iyengar, Financial Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

It appears that a cook in the house was found to have mysteriously disappeared on Monday afternoon. A search disclosed that jewellery valued at Rs. 1,000 was missing from the house.

Inspector Bhatkal of the Bombay C. I. D. is investigating.

### ARRESTED UNDER ARKARI ACT

Arrested on a charge under Arkari Act, Gufur Ibrahim was placed before Mr. M. A. F. Coelho, Presidency Magistrate, at Mazagaon Court, to-day, and was ordered to be released on bail.

It was alleged that the accused was in the habit of manufacturing liquor by mixing certain ingredients in methylated spirits and selling the same. It is further alleged, to his approved customers. His house was searched by the police yesterday evening, where some incriminating articles were recovered.

### ACCIDENT IN DRY-DOCKS.

Eight persons who were attending to repairs of a ship in the dry-docks fell down from a scaffolding, on Tuesday. They were attended to at the G. T. Hospital. Two of them were admitted into the hospital.

## DISPUTE OVER 'GLAXO' TRADE NAME

### Interim Injunction Granted

Mr. Justice Blackwell at the High Court granted an interim injunction restraining Glaxo Surgical Co. from carrying on their business under that name or under any other name with the word "Glaxo", pending disposal of the suit filed against them by Glaxo Laboratories Ltd.

The plaintiffs stated that they had acquired the business of the Glaxo Dept. of Joseph Nathan and Co. Ltd. who were manufacturing infants' and invalids' foods and pharmaceutical and medical preparations. These products on which the word "Glaxo" appears prominently, were imported into India by H. J. Foster & Co.

The "Hindu" of Madras, it was stated, published an advertisement under the name of "Glaxo Surgical Co." as a result of which some people made enquiries from H. J. Foster & Co., whether the products advertised were associated with the plaintiffs. It was further alleged the defendants had sent circular letters to doctors and hospitals advertising certain surgical instruments and products of their manufacture, on which the word "Glaxo" appeared prominently.

The defendants' conduct, it was submitted, constituted an infringement of the plaintiffs' exclusive right to the use of the word "Glaxo" as their trade name. After hearing Mr. C. K. Daphary who appeared for the plaintiffs in support of their notice of motion for an interim injunction, his Lordship made the order as stated above.

### WORLI TRUNK MURDER

The body of the Worli murder, Shankar Bala was identified by his wife who appeared before the coroner yesterday. He was about 35 years old. He was doing business in Moti Bazar. On Saturday he left home at 9 a.m. and failed to return at the usual time. Afterwards information was received that a dead body was lying in the morgue.

Garibshaw Kayambhal, a rent collector, residing at Kurla, stated that the deceased was a gambler and received sutta bets. He went to see him at his place on Sunday but was told that he had not returned home since Saturday. He identified the body.

## GOVERNMENT WINS APPEAL

### Accused Convicted For Assault On Villager

Dafadar Major Kundanlal Bhai Ramal was convicted by the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen at the High Court, on the charge of voluntarily causing hurt to a villager and sentenced to a fine of Rs. 300, out of which Rs. 100 was directed to be paid to the villager as compensation.

The order was made on an appeal by the Government against the order of the First Class Magistrate of Poona acquitting the accused.

The prosecution case was that the accused, who was in charge of a Government grazing land at Kothrad village, severely assaulted one Shankar Babaji Gadhe, while he was grazing his cattle on the adjoining piece of land.

### RESULT OF D.O.M.S. EXAM.

Out of seven candidates who appeared at the D.O.M.S. Examination held in December 1939, the following four have passed:—Mureshwar Bulkishna Gadre, Muncherji Eadulji Variava, Bhairachandra Sadashiv Vaze and Manadeva Venkatraman.

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## The Bombay Chronicle

BOMBAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1939.

### A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Gandhiji's four days' silence is evidently a prelude to a severe effort in guiding the Congress Working Committee in the solution of the abnormally difficult problems confronting it. The public are most anxiously awaiting a lead from the Committee both with regard to the impending struggle for the country's freedom and effecting a communal settlement without which the struggle cannot be successful. In this state of painful suspense Congressmen will be interested to know what the freedom loving Britishers think of the Indian situation. They will feel heartened to find a substantial vindication of the Congress demand in a pamphlet entitled "Democracy for India," written by H. J. Brailsford for the well-known Fabian Society of Britain. Mr. Brailsford himself needs no introduction to the readers of the "Chronicle." Suffice it to say that he is one of the most illuminating exponents of current international problems and his fifteen-page analysis of the Indian situation cannot be easily surpassed for its incisiveness and clear grasp of essentials.

#### Congress Demands

Mr. Brailsford expounds Congressmen's attitude towards the war with the incisive question: "Unfree themselves, are they to fight at our bidding to free others?" He also wholeheartedly defends the three demands of the Congress: (1) a declaration of war aims in general, (2) a declaration that Britain will establish full democracy in India at the end of the war, and (3) that the new status of nationhood promised in this declaration must come into immediate effect to the largest possible extent if its sincerity is to be trusted. Mr. Brailsford also shows that these demands are reasonable and deserve to be immediately conceded, as much in the interests of Britain as of India. But what of the Muslim League? Mr. Brailsford examines this question dispassionately and points out that, in the first place, the League "is far from speaking for all Muslims," many of them being within the Congress fold; secondly, that the Congress itself stands for all communities and "it includes, both in its membership and in its governing Committee, Muslims, Sikhs and Parsis as well as Hindus." Finally, Mr. Brailsford makes it clear that while a religious minority may fairly claim the most ample guarantees for its cultural rights

and for equal treatment in such matters as the distribution of public appointments. "It is not entitled to veto the will of the majority for national unity and responsible self-government." The Congress has already conceded to all religious minorities their full cultural rights, and it is believed to be preparing a more comprehensive Charter of Minority Rights safeguarding their interests, in regard to, among other matters, representation in the legislatures and guaranteeing equal rights to them in respect of appointments, education and the like.

#### Britain's Choice

The best part of Mr. Brailsford's pamphlet is that which offers clear constructive suggestions and some compelling reasons for their acceptance by Britain. The main suggestion is that the present Executive Council of the Viceroy should be immediately replaced by a purely Indian Ministry responsible to a new Legislative Assembly elected by the electorate qualified to vote for the provincial legislatures. This change, he points out, "would require only a single clause in an amending Act." He also points out that if this change is effected early "India would play her part in this war with a zeal that would astonish us and we should at a stroke win the devoted friendship of this generous nation and we should keep it for ever." Mr. Brailsford feels sure that if Britain does justice to India, America will be more friendly to the Allies and even the German people will turn to us to act honourably with them as partners in a new world-order. We do not see any exaggeration in this nor in Mr. Brailsford's final appeal and warning to his countrymen in the following terms: "Opinions more certainly than arms will decide this war, and for the judgment of civilised men our conduct towards India may be decisive. In India we may lose this war or win it, for by our conduct these men will decide whether this is in truth a war for the liberation of Europe or a struggle for lebensraum between rival empires." If Britain readily concedes freedom to India with full safeguards to minorities, she will doubtless lose some privileges, which sooner or later must go—but she will gain vastly more both now and in the future. For, as Mr. Brailsford says, "in this dangerous world the friendship of three hundred millions of our fellows is worth winning, even at some risk."

### Unnecessary

According to the French wireless, the Chief Political Commissioner and the Chief of the Ogpu have left Moscow for the Finnish Front "to investigate recent cases of disaffection among Russian troops." Moreover, the Kremlin is reported to be contemplating severe measures against Russian commanders on the front. And recently there was also a report to the effect that the head of Finland's "popular" Government or rather Russia's puppet Government for Finland

was in disgrace in Moscow because he had misled M. Stalin into believing that the Finns were only waiting for the arrival of Russian troops to rise against and kick out their Government. The Finns, however, stung the invader in no certain manner. It is, therefore, not impossible for M. Stalin—who is capable of a good deal of harshness and cruelty—to seek to vent his wrath on his subordinates. But he need not do so now if only because the campaign is at last turning in his favour.

### The Usual Excuse

The Report on the work of the Indian Posts and Telegraph Department for the year 1938-39 states that owing to the financial setback which prevailed during the major part of the year the Department "was unable to undertake, with the exception of a few distinctly remunerative telephone projects, any large schemes for extending postal, telegraph or telephone facilities to the public." The Department is never at a loss for reasons for not extending

facilities to the public, for even in normal or good years the uncertainty of good times continuing has stood in the way of extension. Even the restoration of the half anna postal card has been found impossible by it these many years. And, as a result of its increased value, its use has decreased by about 50 millions during the last five years, though during the same period the total postal traffic has increased by 200 millions. The fact seems to be that the Department does not appreciate adequately the needs of the poor man.

# The Russian Invasion

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Dec. 8. The much-discussed Butzrieg has been launched against Finland and not against Britain. It has been launched by Russia and not by Germany. The surprise sprung by M. Stalin and M. Molotov a week ago marks a new development in the course of events, and in spite of the quietness that still envelopes the war on the Western Front, behind-the-scenes diplomacy is in a turmoil of activity. Moves are being planned on the chessboard of Europe which affect the lives of millions. Day after day brings new developments, each one bewildering in its suddenness to those who do not see what lies beneath.

The prospect of a long war between the Allies and Germany has suddenly been shaken by Russia's invasion of Finland. The Scandinavian Powers are nervous as are the Balkan Governments which Italy is trying to weld into a bloc to resist Soviet influence. In the West, it is being suggested that it is the Soviet Union and not Germany which is the menace that needs resistance. And for this purpose the Western Powers should combine to meet Russian menace. The British Press is unanimous in condemning Russian invasion of Finland but finds itself divided as to the extent to which Britain and her Ally France, should attempt to attack the Soviet Federation. The "Times" has called for "all Europe and all nations of the European tradition" to oppose the U. S. S. R. The "Observer" prophesies "an overwhelming practical force" to fight the U. S. S. R. The "Sunday Times" has urged Germany to "return to the ranks of the civilised Powers" in order to fight Communism. The Liberal organ, the "News Chroni-

cle," under the direction of Sir Walter Layton, has made an appeal to the workers of the world to unite against the U. S. S. R. This newspaper is joined by the "Daily Herald", the mouthpiece of British Labour Movement, in ordering the Soviet Union off the map. With one voice they declare that the Soviet Union does not exist any longer and she has been replaced by "Imperialist Russia."

Mr. W. N. Ewer, the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Herald," thinks, Stalin is the modern Genghis Khan, because "Russia under Stalin becomes a great Central and North Asiatic Empire; pressing on Europe, pressing into China, pressing perhaps, in the near future, on the Islamic lands of South Asia. Not (with allowance for the seven centuries' gap) so unlike the Empire of Chingis—with a Georgian instead of a Tartar at its head. Stalin, like Temujin, has taken a title. It is Vozhd Narodov. Leader of the Nations. Not, you notice, Leader of the Workers, but the Leader of the Nations. The man who chose that for himself has the Imperial mind. Lenin would not have made such a choice or indeed, taken any title at all. This is because, according, of course, to the diplomatic correspondent, the boasts of Stalin are not of social achievements or of the welfare of the mass's. They are the size and strength of the Union; of the might of its arms; of its readiness to "break the necks of its enemies." The flatteries of Stalin are fulsome and obsequious; nothing like them has been heard in Europe since Byzantium fell. A strange

and ironic sequel to a Marxist revolution. The Georgian Vozhd sits in the Kremlin, surrounded by his Viziers and his sycophants, proud of the vast extent of his domains and of his unquestioned mastery over millions, boasting of his great armies, threatening terrible war, dreaming perhaps of new raids which shall force new European peoples to submit to an Asiatic overlord.

Writing in the "Tribune" on Friday last, Sir Stafford Cripps, the "enfant terrible" of the Labour Party, dealing with the great deal of outcry against Russian pressure upon Finland, wrote that anyone who looks at the map and sees the German position in the Baltic can well understand the anxiety of Russia over Leningrad and Kronstadt Bay. He added that to secure the safety of these it is essential that the Finnish border should be more than 20 miles from Leningrad, as it is at present, and that the Gulf of Finland should be under naval control by Russia. Had it not been for the German-Nazi influence in Finland, "wrote Sir Stafford," and the anti-Soviet feeling stirred up it is probable that the exchange of territory would have been accepted and everyone would have commented upon how sensible it was. Now, naturally, all Russia's enemies talk about the sacredness of Finland democracy, not because they love democracy, many of them, but because they hate Russia. I think it is most unfortunate that Russia should have to take the measures she has taken and is contemplating to take in order to protect and strengthen her own position. They are not

unnaturally liable to be misunderstood and they provide excellent anti-Russian propaganda for the anti-Reds. I believe, however, that confusion is only made more confounded by attempting to justify the Russian action upon grounds of theory and reasoning which really have no true basis. Put yourself in the shoes of the Russian Government responsible for the safety and future of 180 million souls and surrounded by scheming and hostile Governments, and then think how, from a realistic point of view, you would use the present situation. That will, I believe, give you a far saner and more natural approach to the action of the Russian Government than any theorising will ever do."

But to-day's issue of the "Tribune" contains a statement of policy by the editorial board of the paper, who are Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. G. R. Strauss, M.P. and Mr. Aneurin Bevan, M.P. The Labour Party's denunciation of Russia's invasion of Finland is endorsed by this leftist group of the party in the course of the statement. "The suggestion that Russia enters Finland in the role of a deliverer of the Finnish workers makes nonsense of Molotov's recent statement that Socialism could not be exported," declares the statement. To suggest that Finland contemplated an attack on Russia and provoked her by firing on Soviet troops is too silly to write about. Chickens don't hunt wolves." The Cripps group concludes that the Soviet Union has made "too many blunders in her relations with the rest of the

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## TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

LONDON, December 18. According to the French wireless, the Chief Political Commissioner and the Chief of the Ogpu left Moscow for the Finnish front to investigate recent cases of disaffection among Russian troops.

The Kremlin is said to be highly dissatisfied with the conduct of the Finnish campaign and it is expected that severe measures will be taken against the Russian commanders on the front.

—Reuter.

Mr. Fazlul Haq's resolution offering full support to Britain was passed in the Bengal Assembly by 142 votes to 82.

We beg to tender our respectful and humble congratulations to Mr. M. A. Jinnah.

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The Bengal Cabinet is facing trouble as a result of the resolution on war.

We had been wondering how long the Haq-Sarkar Axis was going to last.

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In his eloquent speech, the Honourable and very honest and truthful Maulvi Fazlul Haq said that the Congressmen "are a selfish lot, they are dishonest." Which stimulates our attention and makes us look forward to his next speech. You see, this is the inevitable preliminary to the entertainment which Mr. Haq offers an admiring public so very often: an earnest assurance that he was carried away by the excitement and heat of the moment.

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"When I read Mr. Jinnah's statement, I felt ashamed to have allowed him to steal a march over me and rob me of the language and the sentiments which I, more than Mr. Jinnah, was entitled to use."

This is most gratifying. For, at any rate, it authoritatively confirms our firm conviction that Dr. Ambedkar is not lost to a sense of shame.

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By the way, Doctor Ambedkar need not, however, feel at all uncomfortable about the second half of his loss.

We assure him that not even Mr. Jinnah can rob him of his language, and sentiments.

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If Mr. Jinnah and the Muslims can prove 5 out of 100 cases of oppression, he says Dr. Ambedkar, is prepared to prove 100 out of 100. But since Mr. Jinnah claims to be able to prove 100 out of 100 Dr. Ambedkar will be prepared to prove 2,000 out of 100. And we shan't be surprised.

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"The Soviet violation of Norwegian territory has," says a report, "been denied by the Norwegian General Staff."

We look at the map and we feel that the Norwegian General Staff is wise.

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"Incredible," was the exclamation of Italian Naval men when they heard of the scuttling of the "Graf Spee," says a Rome message.

No, don't be incredulous. Their objection was that she did not accept safe imprisonment.

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Incidentally, it is noteworthy that the Italian Press has devoted a great amount of space describing the battle and praising the victors.

But no significance need attach to it. For if Duce has not yet decided why.

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Accused: My solicitor has not arrived, so I asked for an adjournment.

Judge: But what do you think he could say in your favour when you were caught in the act?

Accused: "That is just what I want to find out!"

## Parsees And Deliverance Day

By D. F. KARAKA

When Mr. Jinnah recently announced his determination to hold a Deliverance Day on December the 22nd, it was natural that his pronouncement should arrest the attention of all politically minded people in this country. It was a major step taken by an organisation of the Muslim community and one which in the opinion of many people was likely to lead to a regrettable state of communal affairs. Basically it was a Hindu-Muslim question and one had hoped that other communities and other parties would not be involved in this exhibition of antagonism, which one community was to show to the other. The public comment upon it was restricted to questions of propriety and expediency and, above all, of its utility. No one denied Mr. Jinnah his right to demonstrate nor his right to give expression to his feelings. It was only felt by thinking India that Mr. Jinnah would have done better to seek redress for the alleged hardships to his community in other ways, which would have brought greater credit and greater respect to this senior and able Muslim leader. Mr. Jinnah has heard the opinions of those who could claim to speak with authority in this country. Muslims and Hindus have expressed their views. The Governors and the Viceroy have kept silent, and Mr. Jinnah has still chosen to carry on with his original plan.

So far Mr. Jinnah and the Muslim League are entirely in order. But in the local press appears a letter from a Parsee High Priest, in answer to the invitation of Khan Bahadur S. Jan Mahomed, an M.L.C. from Poona, in which this High Priest of the Parsees gives expression to views which are attributed by him to the whole Parsee community—an utterly unjustified act, which may lead to serious consequences. In his letter the Parsee Priest, Sardar Dastur Noshervan Kalkbad says: "I am sorry I shall be unable to attend the 'Deliverance Day' meeting you are holding on December 22, but I assure you that my sympathy as well as that of my entire community—I may voice their general sentiment—is with the Muslims in this cause. Your leader, Mr. Jinnah, has so fearlessly and patriotically ven-

tured to express the sentiment which to-day fills the hearts of many an Indian that I cannot help admiring him. I know in instances of Parsis, who have already regarded the outgoing of the Congress Ministries as a deliverance and offered individual prayers in many Fire Temples. It is not given to many to express their feelings openly and hence the opportunity Mr. Jinnah has given to his countrymen is really praiseworthy, especially because he is doing it in such a dignified way, without any ill-feeling to the Hindu community. I trust members of all communities, including Hindus will join Mr. Jinnah in thought, if not in person and offer prayers to the Almighty who came to their aid before worse harm overwhelmed them. Let us, while thanking our Deliverer, pray that the Congress which once had a fair name, be delivered of all the cacklers, that have infested it and that He, in His mercy, may save India from men, whose patriotism is not the real love and uplift of India, but their own selfish desires and creeds."

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## Frankly Speaking

### Hitler's Next Offensive

Discussing the situation on the Western Front, M. Charles Morice refers to the frequency and increasing number of German raids and interprets them as a possible prelude to a big German offensive. This is a plausible enough conclusion. And all the more so because Herr Hitler by reason both of his temperament and of the exigencies of the internal situation must have been profoundly disturbed by recent disappointments, particularly the destruction of the "Admiral Graf Spee." He must be keen on doing something spectacular to avenge the "Graf Spee." But he is more likely—supposing he is sufficiently desperate—to risk the life of one of the other two pocket battleships than to risk a more certain and bigger disaster on the Western Front. What we expect, however, is that he would intensify his aerial campaign against Britain. In fact, he is already doing so.

### Indians In Abyssinia

We published yesterday a United Press report from Delhi of the insulting and humiliating treatment to which Indians are subjected in Italian East Africa. It is not surprising that Il Duce and his myrmidons should equal, in their behaviour, the Herizos and Malans of South Africa. Not unlike that of Nazism, the whole philosophy of Fascism is based on the philosophy of aggressive racial superiority and imperialism. The record of Fascism is too well-known to lead any one to expect human and civilised treatment of other races by it. But what is deeply to be deplored is the indifference of the Government of India to the humiliations to which our fellow-countrymen are subjected in so many countries.

### Indo-Japanese Trade

It is much to be hoped that the Government of India's decision not to give the necessary six months' notice of termination of the trade convention with Japan will be duly appreciated by the Government and the businessmen of the latter country. The decision is based on the assurances given by Japan that,

even if the present negotiations for a trade Agreement are not concluded after the expiry, in March 1940 of the protocol attached to the present convention, she will not take advantage of the situation by dumping goods in India. Vested interests in Japan may subject these assurances to a severe strain, but the Government will have to resist the pressure in the interest of friendly trade relations with India.

### Books For Children

Parents and others in search of suitable books for gifts to children during the Christmas and New Year season will find their choice easy from among the "Read and Play" series of one act plays written by S. P. Kulkarni, B.A., and published by Swastik Publishing House, Bombay. The four plays already published, "Evil For Good," "Money Or Wisdom," "The Bitter Bit" and "Diamond Cut Diamond" are written in simple colloquial English and will be quite suitable for children in the lower secondary classes. They can be easily enacted and the dramatic method will make the learning of English an easy and pleasant task. The printing and get up of the books leave little to be desired.

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Matrimonial matches sometimes kindle the flames of jealousy.

Good-natured criticism is the kind a man always dishes out to himself.

Men may come and men may go, but the lent-umbrella joke goes on forever.

When you confide in a married woman you are probably confiding in her husband also.

When a man makes a blunder that he can't blame on anybody else, he doesn't like to talk about it.

Nothing: Something the rich man wants, the poor man has, the miser spends and the spendthrift saves.



# Mitha's Call To League And Congress Leaders

## CO-OPERATE & ACHIEVE FREEDOM FOR INDIA

### Offers Services For Furthering Programme Based On Goodwill

BOMBAY, Dec. 19. The Honourable, Sirdar Sir Sultan Cassim Mitha has issued the following statement to the Associated Press:

The crisis through which India, in general, and the Muslims in particular, are passing, compels me to express my views. For decades past, I have been a humble servant of the Muslim community, and have from time to time done my level best towards relieving the distress among the Muslim community. I have rendered what service I could in the cause of the advancement of Muslims, politically and otherwise, in the pursuit of my public work. I always tried to see that the Muslim community or its interests never come into conflict with the Hindu community, or any other community.

For some time past, I had been closely watching the activities of the Muslim League, the Congress and its leaders, and it has given me great pain to find that the policy pursued in the past by the Muslim community and the Congress in general, and their leaders in particular, namely, to avoid a conflict with any community, has not only been given the go-by, but an uncompromising policy is being followed in politics, which is bound to result in creating bad feeling, if nothing more, between the two communities which have got to stand shoulder to shoulder to achieve their salvation and the political emancipation of the country.

Of late I have practically kept myself aloof from controversial politics. The only thing I can do is to pray fervently that reason may yet dawn upon who are guiding the destinies of the Muslim community and Congress at present, so that the two principal communities of India may not come into conflict with each other and also that they might unite in working for obtaining freedom for India.

I have friends amongst the Muslims as well as amongst Hindus, and my services are always available for the furtherance of any practical programme based on goodwill.—A.P.

### UNHOLY ALLIANCE, BUT A BLESSING!

#### Nariman Welcomes Common Political Platform For All Communities

BOMBAY, Dec. 19. "It is some satisfaction to be relieved from the impending communal disaster by abandoning the original idea of observance of 'Deliverance Day' by Muslims alone, and transforming it into a general political protest by all communities, who may have alleged grievance against a particular political party or clique."

The Congress President has taken up a correct attitude by admitting the right of all citizens to enter a protest against any regime or administration, provided the protest is political and demonstrated in a peaceful and legitimate way," says Mr. K. F. Nariman in the course of a statement to the Press, referring to Mr. Jinnah's appeal for observance of 'Deliverance Day' on December 22.

Continuing Mr. Nariman says: "Far from leading to communal conflict as his first appeal was apprehended, his subsequent cla-

rication, has incidentally and unexpectedly, led to communal unity: such opposite elements as local President of Hindu Mahasabha and All-India President of Muslim League, have at least agreed, perhaps for the first time, on a common political objective. Even if the hatred of the Congress can bring about a political contact between these two communities, such an 'unholy alliance' should be welcomed, as a beginning in the right direction, and the Hindu leaders like Rajah of Madras and Ambedkar of Bombay joining the 'hymn of hatred' make it more cosmopolitan. Thus there is a 'silver lining' even in this apparently otherwise cloudy and murky atmosphere.

"No matter whatever the objective, it would be a glorious sight to all, even to the intended target of the Congress, to see the Hindu Mahasabha, Muslim Leagues, Ambedkarites and even all other communities meeting together on a common political platform. 'Hatred' at times is a stronger cementing factor than 'love' and this apparent 'curse' may ultimately turn out to be a blessing in disguise. In course of time, the allegations and charges will be forgotten, the hatred and hostility will disappear, but the new-born political inter-communal unity will remain, thus converting the unreal 'Day of Deliverance' into a real 'Day of Independence'."—United Press.

### MINORITIES TO JOIN LEAGUE DAY PLAN

#### Representatives To Speak On Friday

Enquiries in the Muslim League circles show that practically all the minority communities have already intimated to the League their preparedness to co-operate in the observance of the 'Day of Deliverance'.

Representatives of these communities in Bombay are expected to speak at the public meeting which has been arranged by the Provincial Muslim League at 9-30 p. m. on December 22 at Mohamedali Road.

The detailed programme to be observed by the different Provincial Leagues, District Muslim Leagues and the primary leagues has been left to their own choice. Mr. Jinnah has merely laid down the general outlines for the observance of the day. Organisers of functions in this connection have been directed to ensure that the day is observed in all humility.

The Provincial Leagues have also intimated to the district and primary leagues that there should be nothing of a boastful character about the programmes on the day. The trustees of all the mosques in the province of Bombay, it is understood, have intimated to the Provincial League that they have arranged thanksgiving prayers in the mosques on Friday. The prayers will be held at noon immediately after the Juma prayers.

The public meeting at Mohamedali Road at 9-30 p. m. on Friday will be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Chundrigar, M.L.A. Deputy Leader of the Muslim League Party in the Bombay Assembly. Mr. M. A. Jinnah will be present at the meeting.

### NO BACKING OUT

#### Fazlul Huq Prepared To Accompany Jawaharlal

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19. The Hon. Mr. Fazlul Huq, the Premier, in a rejoinder to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's statement that Mr. Fazlul Huq "backed out" of his offer to accompany Pandit Nehru to prove allegations of oppression against Muslim minorities in some Congress provinces, says—

"I published the first instalment of charge-sheet. If Pandit Nehru feels he will have the courage to pronounce sentence against the Ministries under whose regime these sufferings were inflicted, it is for him to say so. If he so desires I am still quite prepared to accompany him to convince himself of the truth of our allegations. Our demand for a Royal Commission, however, stands."

Mr. Fazlul Huq invites the Hindus of Bengal to formulate their charges for submission to the Royal Commission and assures that the Ministry will abide by the Commission's verdict.—United Press.

### Liaquat Ali Khan On "Deliverance Day"

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19. Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, Hon. Secretary, All-India Muslim League, has issued a statement on the "Day of Deliverance" in the course of which he says: "The celebrations on the 22nd will demonstrate that the voice of Mr. Jinnah to-day is the voice of the ninety millions of Indian Muslims and that the Muslim League is fighting not only for the just and legitimate rights of the Muslims but also for the protection of all minorities and interests that have suffered injustice at the hands of the various Congress regimes.—A.P.

### Anti-Prohibitionist Parsis Bless Jinnah's Move

The Parsi Prohibition Protest Committee met on Tuesday evening under the chairmanship of Mr. M. P. Khengat to consider the present political situation and the invitation sent to it by the local Muslim League to participate in the observance of "Deliverance Day."

It is understood that a letter has been drafted, which will be sent to Mr. Jinnah. The letter, it appears, expresses the sympathy of the Committee for Mr. Jinnah's fight against the policy of the Congress and the appreciation of his endeavours to safeguard legitimate rights of the minorities.

### Light On Rao Bahadur Bole's Support To Jinnah

BOMBAY, Dec. 19. The Joint Honorary Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha has issued a statement in the course of which he says:—

"With reference to the recent statement issued by Rao Bahadur S. K. Bole supporting the 'Deliverance Day' the misunderstanding that must have been created in the minds of the Hindu public in general, and members of the Hindu Mahasabha in particular, should be cleared."

"Rao Bahadur S. K. Bole has handed over to me the following statement for publication: 'The recent statement issued by me supporting the 'Deliverance Day' is solely in my personal capacity and it has been brought to my notice that the power to withdraw any resolution passed by any Provincial Hindu Sabha rests only with the Working Committee of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha.'"

"From the above it is apparent that the original resolution of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha stands without being rescinded. To do justice to Rao Bahadur S. K. Bole I may state that he was not conversant at all with the text of the resolution passed at

### SOCIALIST JAILED

#### For Speeches Contravening Defence Of India Act Provisions

DINDIGUL (Madras), Dec. 19. Mr. C. P. Elango, Joint Secretary of the Tamil Nad Congress Socialist Party, was convicted and sentenced to undergo 18 months' rigorous imprisonment by the Joint Magistrate of Dindigul on a charge of infringing the provisions of the Defence of India Act by making several speeches in contravention thereof.

He was placed in B Class.—United Press.

### FIRE HAVOC IN LAHORE CINEMA THEATRE

LAHORE, December 19. A fire broke out at 5 p. m. in the afternoon at the Plaza Theatre, one of the finest cinema houses of Lahore, with perhaps the best auditorium.

Enquiries made reveal that certain additional wirings were being provided for the stage, as part of preparations for Christmas, when in the course of the manipulation some wires fused resulting in the furniture catching fire. It quickly spread to the stage and then to the auditorium.

Due to the prompt action taken by the Fire Brigade and the Police the fire was checked before it could do much damage to the ceiling and other portions of the building. The stage was completely burnt out and a large part of the furniture was destroyed while the machinery at the other end was saved. The loss is estimated at a few thousands.—United Press.

### A-I. HINDUSTAN SCOUT MELA

AMRITSAR, Dec. 19. Hon. Doc. Hirdaynath Kunzru, National Commissioner of Hindustan Scout Association, arrives in Amritsar on December 25. All department of the All-India Hindustan Scout Mela are now working at full pressure. Lahore broadcasting station, it is understood, will broadcast an eye-witness account on 30th evening from the Mela grounds. North Western Railway is running a special excursion train and arranging a fleet of buses for Lahore sightseeing and arrangements are being made for opening a post and telegraph office in the Mela grounds.

Shanta Bhalaria, M.A., Member, Servants of India Society, Assistant to Chief Mela Director and in-charge of Girl Scouts' Section is arriving to-morrow. Mian Ifkharuddin, Secretary, Punjab Congress Assembly Party, will address the Scouts on 30th and Mr. P. K. Sidhwa, Mayor of Karachi is expected to attend the Mela.

the meeting as he had to leave abruptly at an early stage of the meeting to attend some other urgent engagement giving charge to Dr. Abhyankar and it is now understood that he would not have committed himself as he has done, had he been present at the meeting and known the sense of the deliberations that took place there.

"The programme for celebrating the 'Gita Jayanti' on the 22nd instant, therefore, stands good and Rao Bahadur S. K. Bole has consented to preside at the meeting which it is proposed to be held at Dadar on that day."—United Press.

### A-I. SHIA CONFERENCE

LUCKNOW, December 19. A meeting of the Central Standing Committee of the All-India Shia Political Conference held to-day at 4 p. m. under the presidency of Nawab Sajjad Ali Khan, at Sheeshmahal, Lucknow, elected Mawvi Syed Kaib Abbas, M.L.C., President of the next annual session of the All-India Shia Political Conference to be held at Chhapra.—United Press.

### PARSEES AND DELIVERANCE DAY

(Continued from page 6) good will come to the Muslims or to India. Whatever may be the feelings of the Parsees it would be better if they refrained from taking sides on an essentially communal question, which does not touch them in any way whatsoever. Sardar Dastur Nos-hirwan Kaikobad has no right to speak for the community, nor any right as a priest to take sides in politics. It is the established custom of all countries that a priest is immune from criticism, unless he enters the field of politics, when the immunity which is given to him by reason of his priesthood, falls in abeyance.

Already, as a result of several demonstrations on the issue of Prohibition, the Parsee community has brought little credit to itself. Whether the Congress was right or wrong, the Parsee protest could, one felt, have been registered with greater effect and dignity. When the time came for Parsees to show their disapproval, they did nothing. Perhaps reason prevailed at the last moment. There was then a great section of Parsee opinion, which felt ashamed of the empty utterances of its so-called leaders. The time has come again for these same reasonably-minded, thinking Parsees to say that the utterances of its priests and its leaders, if they are of the kind of the Poona High Priest, do not reflect Parsee thought and opinion. Whether the Congress is right or Mr. Jinnah is right is not for the Parsees to decide. One does not want to see the Parsees enter a communal squabble. It is bad enough that the two major communities in India should be drawn into it, without the necessity of involving another community, whose numbers are almost negligible in the population of India.

### Dharam Yash Dev In Car Accident

LAHORE, December 19. Mr. Dharam Yash Dev, Journalist, formerly of the "Pioneer" who returned from America, three weeks ago, met with a motor accident, resulting in nasty cuts on the forehead and lower jaw. It is stated that while going along Cooper Road a lorry dashed against his car smashing its window glasses. The driver escaped unhurt.

Mr. Dharam Yash Dev, according to his previous programme, was going to Allahabad on January 1, to take up Congress work under the guidance of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, whom he had met on his return from abroad.—United Press.

### Cripps To Meet Chiefs Of Small States

WARDHA, December 19. A private message received here states that arrangements have been made for a meeting between some small State Chiefs and Sir Stafford Cripps at Raigarh. It is likely that Sir Stafford might break his journey there to meet those Chiefs as also utilise the occasion for a visit to the famous jungles in the locality.

### Congress Propaganda Meetings In Villages

Under the auspices of the Kalyan Taluka Congress Committee six public meetings were held in the course of the last week at Badalpur, Ambarnath, Malangada Wadi, Khidkati, Bapsal and Gandhari. The meetings were largely attended by farmers and workers from adjoining villages. Messrs. Govindrao Vartak, M.L.A., Dattopant Raut, M.L.A. and Kanji Karson, M.L.A., addressed the meetings.

The subjects were "The attitude of the Congress towards the present war." "What the Congress ministry has done for the cultivators and workers." "and why the Ministry resigned".

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# OUR READERS' VIEWS

## Mr. Jinnah's Statements

To The Editor of "The Chronicle," Sir, Mr. Jinnah has been a great help to me in my study of the day of his deliverance. His words are stated in an interesting way of the day.

"Let me, therefore, take this opportunity to appeal to all Indians who believe that the conditions in India are not so good as they should be. Governments which do justice to all sections of the people rather than to an irreconcilable majority, come forward now and to make known their views."

Now why a Government based on an electoral system entirely according to demands made by the Muslim League itself cannot be "popular" is not explained. But I suppose "popular" means "popular" among the various communal organisations, so that the ministry would be composed of some nominated by the Muslim League (which means by its permanent "irreconcilable" president), one depressed member nominated by Dr. Ambedkar whose depression would be lifted into exaltation, one Sanatanist etc., all owing allegiance to their respective religious irremovable presidents. We can then look forward to the rule of an irreconcilable minority whose legislative efforts would mutually cancel out to vacuity.

I cannot understand the meaning of "rather than to an irreconcilable majority." The Congress majority was never irremovable. If Mr. Jinnah means the irremovable majority of Hindu population then alas, prayers can do little to affect this dispensation of Providence. In any case why the Hindu Sabha should obey this fatwa is not clear.

It is obvious that these war aims require clarification. My difficulty in following Mr. Jinnah's exhortation is purely linguistic. In my anxiety to follow him I offer a prize of Rs. 5 to any one who can explain the meaning of his statement to the satisfaction of a friend of mine who spent some years at Oxford.

In order to help all contestants I supply a key to Mr. Jinnah's use of "rather." I quote from his fatwa of December 18th.

"Let me inform the public that, rather than approaching a settlement, as has been so readily and widely assumed, such discussions have yet to commence."

I am getting convinced that Mr. Jinnah's political statements follow the lines of Modern Art; modern poetry, surrealist painting, cubism, etc. I am not meant to be understood at all.



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but are merely the expression of the artist's moods of the moment thrown on a background of his own private experiences. I have never understood why James Joyce bothers to publish his words but I suppose like Mr. Jinnah he derives some satisfaction at my feeble attempts to understand him. Which ultimately should mean the wise management of a nation's affairs, should be turned into a new form of Art is Mr. Jinnah's contribution to civilization. Whether this contribution should be a lasting one or only of short duration depends upon that most depressed of all artists, the decent Muslim who also enclosed with common sense wonder how their people can be led better, clothed better, housed better with all this surrealist chatter.

My own thanksgiving on Friday will be for Dr. Ambedkar; he still remains an ancient and venerable figure. I believe he gave an ultimatum to my gods some years back. About this, rather than get further bemused, I think Sir, I had rather stop! Yours, etc.

RAMAN K. DESAI.

## Satisfy Muslims

To The Editor of "The Chronicle," Sir, The communal problem in India is every day getting more and more complicated. It is difficult to understand what Mr. Jinnah's reason is for objecting to solve the question by mutual agreement. Even the international tribunal suggested if the Congress and the League could not arrive at an agreement. Let not our differences be exploited by British imperialism.

The Muslims of India will be extremely thankful to Mr. Jinnah if he took the opportunity to declare to Britain and to the world that Muslims are going to settle every thing by mutual agreement with the other communities.

We know how Britain exploited the differences in Ireland just after the provisional settlement of 1921. When Irish men fought Irish men, and the civil war was raging, what did Britain do? Well, Britain helped one party against the other.

I appeal to the Congress and the Hindus to grant all Muslim demands and satisfy them. The Hindus are in a majority, and even if a little more is given to the Muslims than they are actually entitled to get, no popular basis does not matter much. No one will take it as a sign of weakness, but only as an example of magnanimity.

K. BALA KRISHNAN NAMBIAR.

Bombay, December 17.

## Mr. Jinnah's Move

To The Editor of "The Chronicle," Sir, The public must have, by now, been fed up with constant criticisms of the League and its recent move, which is in no case great and detrimental as the Congress, has taken it to be or made to think of.

The Muslim critics should please note that the move they criticise the Muslim League the more it becomes strong but for this fact they shall be doing a greater disservice to Islam, though they might please the Congress and under its encouragement to regard Mr. Jinnah's appeal as an effective move. This is certainly not the case if for a moment the Congress realises its own fraudulent attitude towards the Muslim League and what it has done for the Muslims and how they have been offended. They had a fight with Government and now are on the way of a mutual settlement regardless of the past. The water shall fall to stone were there is a ditch. The Congress if it has come no wrong to the Muslims it should on no account term the observance of the Day of Deliverance by Muslims to heart or its fat was of its own making. To my Muslim brethren who are out to criticise the League, I would appeal that they should take a little bit of trouble of studying the exact feelings of general Muslim public all over India, and if this is not possible in their own Congress governed provinces rather than attempting at gaining popularity in the Congress circles by issuing counter statements against Mr. Jinnah's appeal which is decidedly the true expression of the feelings of Muslims against the Congress. I may also appeal to the League to thank its critics along with the thanksgiving by Muslims.

Sir, your suggestion in your issue of the 15th December 1939 that the Day of Deliverance should in no case stand in the way of Jinnah-Jawahar talks is practically sound. There appears no fair reason for the Congress to reject the proposal as by so doing it shall not only miss an opportunity in its favour but would tend the Muslim public to believe that something was wrong with the Congress. As a popular organisation it ought to tolerate such onslaughts if it wishes to retain its popularity and its claims of a large following. It should on the other hand start doing some solid work rather than fight the League on a trivial issue and try to create healthy atmosphere in the country and avoid taxng patience of the public more in regard to communal settlement. Yours, etc.

M. A. SYED.

Paral Road, Bombay, 14-12-39.

## MAHARS AND THEIR WATANS

### Gaikwad Recounts Tale Of Hardships

The fact that there are 317 villages in Belgaum District, 543 villages in Bijapur and 572 in Daarwar where neither Watan lands nor any other kind of payment is made by Government for Mahar village officers was disclosed by Mr. B. K. Gaikwad, M.L.A. in the course of his address as Chairman of the Reception Committee of the Bombay Provincial Watan-dars' Conference held at Ahmednagar on Saturday and Sunday under the presidency of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

He further revealed that there are other 113 villages in Bijapur District where Mahar officers are paid the princely sum of an average of three rupees per year or four annas per month as salary.

To mitigate the evils of the system that Dr. Ambedkar had introduced the Mahar Watan-dar Amendment Bill in the Bombay Legislative Council in 1923 but the Bill could not be

passed and the condition of the Mahars continued as before.

The Reception Chairman then referred to the duties allotted to the Mahars. They were unspecified so far, but the Congress Government had very kindly put them down in black and white. The Backward Class Board of which Mr. B. G. Kher, the ex-premier, was the chairman, had protested against the inclusion of some of the items but his own Government had failed to remove them from the list.

### Resolutions

The Conference by one of the resolutions condemned the increase in 'Judi' tax as contrary to the underlying principles of the Hereditary Village Officers' Act and as harsh and unjust and demanded its immediate withdrawal.

The Conference then detailed the number of duties out of the nineteen mentioned in Government resolution which the Watan-dars were prepared to do, the others which they would carry out only if adequate wages were

paid for their performance and others still which they would not carry out in any circumstances.

The Conference then demanded that the Mahars' Watan be commuted on the same principles as were made applicable to other hereditary officers in 1863.

The Conference brought to the notice of the Government the fact that in numerous villages Mahars were not paid anything for their work and declared that if no steps were taken within six months in that direction the Conference would advise the Mahars to refuse to render such services to the Government.

The Conference asked for a Committee of Watan-dar M.L.A.'s to investigate the fines etc imposed on Mahars.

The Conference authorised members of the scheduled classes in the Bombay Legislature to wait in deputation to the Government to represent to him the grievances of the Watan-dars. Messrs. Jadhav Airdale and others spoke on the resolutions.

The Conference was marked with tremendous enthusiasm and the proceedings were interspersed with slogans and political songs.

## BHARUCHA'S APPEAL TO LEADERS

### Plea For Tact And Tolerance

Mr. B. F. Bharucha writes:— We in India criticise the British politicians mercilessly. But when shall we acquire their tact and tolerance?

In the face of the grave crisis despite their domestic differences, what a united front they have presented to the outside world! Will the Indian leaders the critics of the British politicians emulate the example of the latter, and save India from further disagreement and disruption? Let us hope so.

One is pained to read Mr. Varlabhai Patel's reply to Mr. Jinnah. How could he impute motives to his political adversary? And that too when feelings are running so high? Is it discreet? Is it fair? Neither Mr. Patel, and worse still, it is unnecessarily provoking.

It is also regrettable that the usually cool headed Rajaji has also warmed up. In his reply to Mr. Jinnah? He is a master of cold logic; and there he shines best.

One wonders, how Panditji, with his remarkable imagination, missed this opportunity of meeting Mr. Jinnah. He could have seen him, under protest. He could have issued a statement saying, that while he thoroughly disapproved of Mr. Jinnah's proposal for the observance of Deliverance Day, and whilst he disbelieved his allegations against the Congress Cabinets; Yet, for the cause of the country and for reaching an understanding, he was seeing Mr. Jinnah, as previously arranged. That interview would have certainly lessened the present tension. Let Panditji reflect.

Since my Open Letter to Mr. Jinnah, more protests have appeared in the Press. They are from

(1) Maulana Hasrat Mohani, President, Cawnpore City Muslim League and

(2) Mr. Sharifuddin, its vice-President.

(3) Saikh Abdul Majid of the Muslim League Working Committee, Karachi.

(4) Syed Ghulam Imam of the M. L. Working Committee, U. P.

(5) S. M. Nawab Akbar, Secretary, Shia Political Conference, U. P.

(6) Maulana Shahid Fakiri, President, U. P. Jamat-ul-Ulema.

(7) Khan Abdul Qayum, M.L.A. (Central) Peshawar.

(8) And Kunwar Sir Maharaj Singh (Christian) Home Member U. P. Let Mr. Jinnah reflect.

In his interview at Allahabad, Rajen Babu has disavoured any ban on Muslim League meetings, and has asked all Congressmen to see that perfect peace was maintained.

In place of the proposed Constituent Assembly, Sir Sikandar suggests a meeting of twelve Indian Leaders to draft the future Constitution of India. May I appeal to him and to Mr. Jinnah and the Working Committee to refer the Hindu-Muslim problem to a Joint Committee to end the present ruinous deadlock?

It is generally observed, that had Mr. Jinnah convened public meetings to denounce the fascism of the Congress Cabinets, he could have had the support of many people of all communities whose experience of the Congress regime has been bitter. But, the resignations of Congress Ministers and the retransference of power to foreign bureaucracy can hardly be deemed and declared and celebrated as a Day of Deliverance by Minorities—much less by the Muslim League, whose Telegraphic address is Patriotism of Patriots.

## THE RUSSIAN INVASION

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For the last few days certain reports have been published about the Soviet Union. The latest report is that a secret agreement to carve up Europe has been reached between Stalin and Hitler. The Rome radio also announced early this morning that it believed Russia was about to realise "a plan of expansion which interests all world Powers."

The march of events in Europe, says the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Sketch", indicates that a monstrous bargain has been made between the Nazis and Bolsheviks whereby (1) Russia, in addition to naval bases in the Baltic and the domination of Finland, would over-run Rumania, and make Turkey a vassal State, (2) Germany would share Sweden with Russia, conquer Denmark and absorb Hungary. The plan depends, (writes the "Daily Sketch" correspondent) of course, on the Allies being beaten but there is reason to suspect that Russia is being induced by Germany to start action in the Balkans to distract the attention of the Allies from the West. This view is not shared by the American journalist, Knickerbocker, who, on arriving in New York the other day declared Stalin wants Swedish ore and there is evidence that Stalin intends to invade both Sweden and Norway. Hitler will not like this but one day the Fuehrer may have to pay Russia for that ore and like it.

Then there is a talk of Russian invasion of India via Afghanistan. This also, we are told, Stalin will undertake on the advice of Hitler and his Nazi advisers. Quoting extensively an article in the Nazi Party paper "Voelkischer Beobachter", the British newspapers declare that the war clouds are now shifting to Eastern Europe. The Nazi basis for this forecast is the Nazi newspaper article which argues "Why a direct attack on England? Why not an indirect one? It foresees the possibility of a war between Turkey and Russia, saying that since the death of Mela relations between Moscow and Ankara have cooled, and that there are Russian troops concentrations in the Caucasus. For this reason, it says, the clouds now are gathering over the Near East. The French have concentrated troops in Syria. The British in Egypt, and the Turks on the Caucasus. The Nazi paper speculates even on extension of the war in other directions such as Iraq, Afghanistan, and even India.

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### High Court awards damages of Rs. 5,000, injunction and all costs from the manufacturers of Lord's Butter (Defendant)

The consequences of running down Competitors' products for the purpose of soliciting purchase of one's own goods become very unpleasant when such propaganda is carried out beyond reasonable limit.

This proved true when in the High Court of Bombay Honorable Mr. Justice Somji gave judgment on 7th December 1939 in a case where Mr. P. E. Polson, proprietor of Polson's Butter, now incorporated as a private joint stock Company under the name Polson's Limited, manufacturers of Polson's Butter, was awarded damages of Rs. 5,000, injunction and all costs from the defendant Mr. Laxmi Das M. Patel, proprietor of Lord's Dairy Farm, Ahmedabad, manufacturers of Lord's Butter.

The plaintiff's case was that the defendant, who was the manufacturer of "Lord's Butter", which is termed at times "Lord's Graded Cream Butter", made in Ahmedabad, had owing to trade jealousy and with a view to increase the sale of

Lord's Butter, carried out vigorous and systematic, malicious propaganda, to run down and defame Polson's Butter, and to damage the reputation of Mr. Polson. The Plaintiff further alleged that the Defendant had made allegations that Polson's Butter was not fit for human consumption, and that the manufacturers of Polson's Butter were cheating the public. The Plaintiff had ignored such malicious propaganda for a long time, but this had made the author of it bolder, and eventually necessitated an action in the High Court.

The learned Judge was satisfied that the propaganda was carried out to damage the reputation of an established producer like Polson's Butter, and awarded damages to the Plaintiff for Rs. 5,000 and all costs and issued an injunction against Mr. Patel, proprietor of Lord's Dairy Farm, from publishing and circulating the booklet and pamphlets in which the plaintiff's character and conduct, in regard to his butter trade were attacked.

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## A Word To W. I. F. A.!

I. F. A. Member On Failure Of Bengal Teams In Rovers Tourney: "Bombay Referees Too Lenient"

By Dr. R. Mitter, Member I.F.A., Bengal.

The failure of the Calcutta team to win the Rovers trophy after having been very near to it seems large in public mind. Many surprises are made some would say the climate is not suitable others would take it that the players enjoy themselves too much and so on. The question is whether the Bengal team is really unfit to lift the trophy. The redoubtable Mahomedan Sporting Union failed in the past and why? The unduly long and leisurely manner in which the tournament progresses necessitating a team having to wait 10 to 15 days for a second match takes enthusiasm away.

The energy with which a team arrives is damped. So much so that every one would welcome a defeat although one would be sorry to see it. Think of a team of able-bodied young men having to sit idle without a game for days together. The team as well as the management gets exasperated and the spirit to win is considerably lowered.

The team goes to play the tournament and cannot attend to injuries to players in practice matches. It is not very easy to get reinforcements from a distance of 100 miles. The manner in which the tournament is run is more suitable for military teams and teams composed of players who are not otherwise engaged. Naturally enough the Bengal team suffers. The morale of the team is broken long before the match is actually lost.

This has been true in case of Calcutta Rangers and the Howrah District team as well, the latter having to take the field in the final considerably weaker than when they played in the initial rounds. I would not for a moment belittle the success achieved by the 25th Field Brigade R.A. the holders of this year. The team work of the soldiers was brilliant. To my mind the R.A. were one of the best teams in the tournament and thoroughly deserved their success.

### W. I. F. A. Please!

**Bombay Referees**

It is not my business to dictate, but it is my duty to suggest to the W. I. F. A. that this sort of thing should in all conscience be remedied. A way should be found to finish the tournament in a much shorter period. This year the tournament began on 1st August and the final was played on the 7th September. Can you expect a team composed of players who have to work in some offices or are carrying on business to be spared for nearly six weeks including the period that is spent in travelling? This period should and can be reduced to three weeks if only the management arranges two games a day in the first two or three weeks or gives a bye to the outstanding teams to the third round before the semi-finals.

are reached. I think if the W. I. F. A. is pleased to give either of the suggestions at least a trial for one year there will certainly be an improvement in the standard of games to more enthusiasm and better gates.

Refereeing in Bombay seemed to me rather of a too lenient type. Too much rough play is allowed. Scientific football being thus marred to a large extent. Some of the referees are quite good and would stand comparison with the best of Calcutta referees but for this defeat. I was glad that Mr. H. H. Ghouse of C. R. A. recently transferred to Bombay were bold enough to conduct games with more strictness than the others. This is as it should be. Many plays should be allowed but not to the extent of killing science. It was a pleasure to see that the teams that entered this year's Rovers Tournament were all alive to this defect in the Bombay refereeing and naturally hard knocks were given and taken with equal grace. Let it not be understood that I hold this as being in any way responsible for our defeat. But I must say in all fairness that the Bangalore "Medicine" boys were knocked out in the first meeting with the 25th Field Brigade R.A. on a rain soaked ground would have upset any Indian team and they lost out of sheer exhaustion in the replay although I make full allowance for the depreciation in their strength this year on account of rule 33 of A. I. F. A. Still the fact remains.

The W. I. F. A. should be congratulated for the efforts made and expenses they are undertaking from year to year to popularise football in Bombay. Some of the local team in Bombay seemed to me to be quite good and with more experience and training will soon compete on equal footing with the Rovers invaders from other Provinces.

### LORD HARRIS SHIELD TOURNAMENT

Anjuman-i-Islam High School Qualifies For Final

The Anjuman-i-Islam High School qualified itself for the final of the Lord Harris Shield tournament by defeating the Tutorial High School in the semi-finals on Monday. The Anjuman team winning the toss elected to field and dismissed their opponents for 43. Master Shaikh Hussein captured 5 wickets for 25. The Anjuman passed their opponents' total for the loss of one wicket only. When stumps were drawn for the day Anjuman scored 94 for the loss of three wickets. The bright spot of the match was the batting of Shamsuddin, who scored 43 runs playing excellent cricket.

### WEEK-END RACING AT MAHALAXMI

Entries For Fifth Day Of Bombay Christmas Meeting

The following are the Entries for the Fifth Day of the Bombay Christmas Meeting to be run at Mahalaxmi on Saturday December 23.

**AGA SHAMSHUDDIN PLATE—Distance 6 Furlongs.**—One I Love, Steel Helmet, Ticoato, Gay Lover, Chhatrasal, National Flag, The Prince (Jale Zellan), Gipsy Jack, House of Lords, Dominic, Who's Who, Dancing Comet and Jovial Prince.

**KEMPTON PARK PLATE—Distance 1 1/4 Miles.**—Vandike, Caricoa, Warrior's Call, Panna Prince, Gangasagar II, Maratha Emperor, Kingsbury, Monte Carlo, Liminary, Love Call and Oceanus.

**QUEENSLAND PLATE—Distance 6 Furlongs.**—Star of Persia, Riverwood, Torch Royal, Kilt, Guiding Queen, Fresh Kid, Apple Jelly, Ganymede, Dares, Chanak, Houdini, How's That, Lord Byron, Loveable, Middlestone, Pepita, Multy-farham, Tipperary, Pompon and Galad Star.

**DECEMBER PLATE—Distance 6 Furlongs.**—No Regrets, Mark Back, Hassina, Honor M., Gilderoy, School Quad, Vennine, Cherie, Peerses, Red Mink, Eager Tit, Circus Girl, Romney's Girl, Not Out Reliable, Eastern Queen, Mona Lisa, Scotch, Ruffie and Santa Rosa.

**MAHIM PLATE—Distance 7 Furlongs.**—Eastern Pride, Mahboob, Winston, Hue d'Or, Rahana, Black Magic, Jayant, Rose Apple, Eager Tit, Peerses, Rathavon, Miniver, Redoubt, Miss Lena, Rockball and Tomit.

**PUNJAB PLATE—Distance 5 Furlongs.**—Limelight, Prestige, Colleen, late Tipi, Formosa, Scottish Pride, Florida, Sammy Brass, Countess Nill, Gold Dieb, Furt King, Wellers, Discard, Oh Yeah, Responder, Finis, Star of Baroda, Twine, Kolhapur King, Ballerina, Vikramsinh, Princess Mumtaz and Pratap.

**SIKH PLATE—Distance 1 1/4 Miles.**—Toballa, Al Muqbil, Sabhat Shammar, Amin al Inq, Bahar Neel, Golden Ticket, Manohar, Wheel of Fortune, Pirpo, Legion, King of Diamonds, Assaf Mahmud and Saif al Nusser.

### ADDITIONAL RACE

The following additional race has been framed for this day:—The Tektit Plate: Winner, Rs. 1,500; Second, Rs. 450; Third, Rs. 250. For Arabes in Class III. Distance 6 furlongs.

Note: This Race will be divided into two divisions. The first division will be ridden by Riding Boys and Apprentice Jockeys.

### B. P. O. A.

#### Marathon Race On Sunday

The Bombay Presidency Olympic Association are concluding their Long Distance Running Events with a Marathon Run (26 miles and 385 yards) on Sunday the 24th December 1939. Competitors from all over the Province, have already sent in their entries. The School Boy L. Pereira who established a New India record for the 30,000 metre Road Race promises to cut down the present record held by Chota Singh of Patiala by a good margin.

Bombay's representative for the All India Games will be selected on the basis of the competitors' performances in this run.

The official route for the Marathon Run will be:—Start:—Manhole in the Car Park at the Junction of Queen's Road and Churchgate Street.

Finish:—Opposite Signal Cabin at the north end of Churchgate Station platform.

Route:—From Car Park at the Junction of Queen's Road and Churchgate Street, along Chattri Street, Extension, Marine Drive, Chowpatty, Wal-keshwar, Ridge and Gibbs Roads to Kemp's Corner, Varden Road, Breach Candy, Hornby, Causeway, Lady Jamshedji Road, Worli Road, Cadell Road, Old Parbhadevi Road, Portuguese Church Street, Gokhale Road North, Lady Jamshedji Road, Mahim Causeway, Ghod-bunder Road to its junction with 1st Road, Khari, turn left along 1st Road, turn right along Linking Road, turn right again along Main Avenue, Santa Cruz to St. Teresa's Convent High School, turn right along Ghodbunder Road to Mahim Causeway, Lady Jamshedji Road, Gokhale Road North, Portuguese Church Street, Old Parbhadevi Road, Cadell Road, Worli Road, Love Grove Road, Hornby Vellard, Varden Road, Breach Candy, Gowalia Tank Road to Kemp's Corner, Hughes Road, Sondhurst Bridge, Queen's Road, La-mington Road, New Queen's Road and Queen's Road to Churchgate Station.

Entries close on Saturday preceding the Run. Further particulars can be had from the Hon. Gen. Secretary, B. P. O. A., Lagir Chambers, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay.

The World Record is 2 hours, 20 m 19.2 secs.

Indian Record, 2 hrs. 43 m. 43.8 secs

### ANNUAL TEA PARTY OF FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Annual Tea Party of the Indian Football League was held at the A. C. Chatterjee Memorial Hall, Naigaum, on Sunday evening. Many persons interested in the development of the game on this side of India and several ladies graced the function.

Mr. J. C. Maitra, President of the I. F. A., welcomed all the guests and thanked everybody for the hearty co-operation they had extended to his Association during the last Season. The I. F. A. had several difficulties to contend with and not the least of which was about the ground. Mr. Maitra expressed the hope that during the next Season they would have a more comfortable time.

Mr. Maitra felt very happy at the thought that Indian football was making rapid progress in Bombay. All keen observers now frankly opine that our local teams are much stronger than many of the teams who visit our City during the Rovers' Tournament. The day is not far distant, Mr. Maitra added, when Bombay will be able not only to hold her own against all comers but even visit other parts of India and gain laurels and honours.

In conclusion Mr. Maitra begged for co-operation from all quarters so that their object may be attained as early as possible.

In reply, Mr. R. R. Daniell of the W. I. A. Staff Club on behalf of the clubs participating in the I. F. A. Tournaments and Mr. I. B. Sen Gupta on behalf of the referees thanked the I. F. A. Council for their hospitality and wished them greater success in future.

The gathering dispersed late on the evening after partaking of light refreshments.

### Table Tennis

Draw For All-India Championships

The draw for the All-India Championships was held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, the 17th instant, at The Municipal Sports Club, Bombay, the entries from the various provinces are:—

**MEN'S SINGLES.**—Bombay 35, Calcutta 20, Madras 12, Punjab 5, Delhi 1 and Hyderabad Deccan 4.

**MEN'S DOUBLES.**—Bombay 10 pairs, Calcutta 6, Madras 4, Punjab 3, Delhi 1 and Hyderabad Deccan 1.

**LADIES SINGLES.**—Bombay 12 entries, Madras 2, and Calcutta 2.

In the Men's singles 49 players from Bombay have been drawn into preliminary tournament which is divided into 14 groups, the winner of each group having been drawn with the five Inter-Provincial players of Bombay and all the other entries from other Provinces.

The draw has been so arranged that the No. 1 and No. 2 of each Province are in opposite halves and so that the No. 1 and No. 2 of Bombay No. 1 are in the four different quarters in this order an interesting semi-finals is assured.

The same procedure of dividing up the entries from the various Provinces so that the various entries from anyone Province will clash in as late a round as possible has been used in the draw for the other events.

As this method of drawing the various entries has been adopted the preliminary round will be very small and local players would be required to play in these between 4 and 8 p.m. on Sunday, the 24th and Tuesday, the 26th there being no play on Christmas Day.

It is believed that for an All-India Tournament, the entries in record participation when it is realised that 45 players out of whom 25 are paying their own expenses, have travelled from other Provinces. That the interest in Table Tennis has increased beyond expectation can well be gauged from the fact that Bengal alone is sending 70 entries into the men's singles.

In the Inter-Provincial Tournaments there are six Provinces, Bombay, Punjab (holders), Delhi, Bengal, Madras and the newest affiliation, to the All-India Federation, Hyderabad Deccan.

**MEN'S SINGLES (OPEN.)** (Holder: M. Ayub.)

**PRELIMINARY ROUND.** GROUP (1).

K. E. Ghaswalla, R. M. Kapadia, S. S. Patkar, V. V. Prabhu.

GROUP (2). P. S. Vard, M. Mody, N. G. Gaudkar, K. M. Bhargava.

GROUP (3). A. Dyer, Bye, K. N. Dadv, M. V. Waghle.

GROUP (4). Z. Mugaeth, Bye, P. N. Pabowalla, M. P. Sethna.

GROUP (5). R. B. Desai, Bye, R. V. Hattangdi, A. S. Athavankar.

GROUP (6). H. R. Kanga, G. B. Relvani, R. A. Keshviah, M. M. Vania.

GROUP (7). F. R. Nariman, I. P. Gohel, D. N. Wagh, F. D. Bharucha.

GROUP (8). K. N. Mondgill, K. R. Davar, S. J. Mugaeth, K. S. Cooper.

GROUP (9). U. M. Chandarana, N. D. Patel, D. A. Ferreira, U. Mohan.

GROUP (10). M. A. Desai, S. M. Katkar, B. G. Kulkarni, Bye.

GROUP (11). J. E. Ghandi, R. K. L. Singh, R. S. Cooper, Bye.

GROUP (12). B. R. Apte, V. G. Kamat, K. A. C. Peermahomed, Bye.

GROUP (13). K. N. Nallath, H. Taleparkhan, B. S. Battiwala, Bye.

GROUP (14). M. D. Battiwala, B. V. Ullal, N. K. Shivdasani, C. J. D'Monte.

**MEN'S SINGLES.** SECOND ROUND.

M. Ayub (Punjab), M. Chatterji (Bengal).

GROUP (1). K. E. Mathew (Delhi).

GROUP (2). S. Panchapakesan (M.), A. Gupta (Bg.), B. V. Seshadri (Hyd.), D. H. Kapadia (Bg.), M. J. Hansles (Bg.).

GROUP (3). P. S. V. Iyer (M.), D. V. Reddy (M.), A. D. Roy (Bg.).

GROUP (4). D. R. Bhasin (Bg.), W. Ahmed (H.), A. De. (Bg.), V. S. Patkar (Bg.), C. S. Natarajan, E. L. (P.).

GROUP (5). M. Vajravelu, A. Shome (Bg.), R. M. Baraiwala (Bg.), K. Bannerji (Bg.).

GROUP (6). A. Guha (Bg.), L. K. Murthy (D.), K. K. Ganguli (Bg.).

GROUP (7). R. V. Rao (M.), A. Ghosh (Bg.).

GROUP (8). T. Ghose (Bg.), I. N. Laljee (Bg.), T. M. Kumanaswamy (Bg.), B. Ghose (Bg.), H. S. Khorana (P.), C. N. Krishnaprasad (H.), A. Qadri (D.), V. V. S. Naidu.

GROUP (9). D. P. Guha (Bg.), M. Tirumavakkarana (M.), A. Mukherjee (Bg.).

GROUP (10). G. S. Kondal (P.), G. Katoh (D.), A. Sirkar (Bg.), A. Ragavachari (M.).

GROUP (11). B. Savarama (M.).

GROUP (12). M. L. Seal (Bg.), Abbas Hyder (H.), Gur Parshad (Bg.).

GROUP (13). K. C. Sarkar (Bg.), A. Muthuswamy (M.), S. Bannerji (Bg.).

GROUP (14). B. Mukherji (Bg.), K. H. Kapadia (Bg.).

**MEN'S DOUBLES.**

H. Talayarkhan and another, K. E. Mathew and L. K. Murthy (D.), H. D. Battiwala and Partner, A. Mukerji and A. Sirkar (Bg.), I. N. Laljee and H. R. Kanga (Bg.), S. Bannerji and V. V. Ullal (Bg.), D. A. Ferreira and C. J. D'Monte, T. S. Raghavachari and Partner (M.), H. M. Baraiwala and V. S. Patkar (Bg.), S. V. Iyer and Partner (M.), K. A. C. Peermahomed and Partner, A. Gosh and A. Guha (Bg.), K. N. Mondgill and Partner, R. V. Rao and Partner, V. V. Ahmed (H.), M. P. Sethna and V. V. Prabhu, M. Ayub and Partner (P.), S. J. Mugaeth and Z. J. Mugaeth, S. Panchapakesan and Partner (M.), K. E. Mathew and L. K. Murthy (D.), K. K. Ganguli and Partner (Bg.), B. Ghose and Partner (Bg.), H. S. Khorana and Partner (P.), D. R. Bhasin and Partner (Bg.), W. Ahmed (H.), A. De. (Bg.), V. S. Patkar (Bg.), C. S. Natarajan and Partner (Bg.), M. Vajravelu and Partner (Bg.), R. M. Baraiwala and Partner (Bg.), K. Bannerji and Partner (Bg.), A. Guha (Bg.), L. K. Murthy (D.), K. K. Ganguli (Bg.).

**LADIES SINGLES.**

Miss K. P. Bains, Mr. K. Shrivastava (M.), Miss P. K. Nariman, Miss

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**MIXED DOUBLES.** H. R. Kanga and Miss Kapadia, A. Gupta and Mrs. S. Luddy (Bg.), H. S. Khorana and Partner, K. H.

**VICTORIA BEATS QUEENSLAND**

MELBOURNE, Dec. 19.

In the Sheffield Shield Match between Victoria and Queensland, Victoria won by seven wickets.

**QUEENSLAND:** 279 (Rogers 53; Cook 62; Don Tallon 56 and 242 (Watt 59 (not out) Fleetwood-Smith four wickets for 77 runs).

**VICTORIA:** 418 (Tamblyn 107; Hassett 83; Lee 52; Ellis five wickets for 110 and 105 for three—Reuter.

**SARASWAT UNION (BOMBAY NORTH)**

Auction Bridge Tournament

The first match of the tournament was played in the Union Hall on Friday the 15th December. Mr. N. A. Hattiangady and Mr. Kalyanpur Sakharan Rao defeated Mr. R. R. Bains and Mr. Keshav S. Talgeri by 1228 points.

## Renaissance In Music And Dance

E. Krishna Iyer Advocates New Method Of Approach To Cement Underlying Unity Between The Northern And Southern Systems

"In Music and Dance, India has inherited an invaluable legacy from the past and has a rich contribution to make to the world. Just as Music has been made to spread to all households instead of being the closed monopoly of a few professionals, it would not be long before the dance art also is taken out of its still lingering surroundings of doubtful quality and made a necessary accomplishment of every cultured home. South Indians resident in North India have special advantage, opportunity and responsibility in being the connecting link between North India and South India in matters of art and the bringing about proper and mutual understanding and appreciation as among the apparently differing systems which are after all the common heritage of India as a whole. There is absolutely no reason for any of them to feel any the least inferiority complex in such matters especially now, as the great and common classic art of Bharata Natya as preserved and developed in the South has come to exert a profound influence on other systems of art all over India and outside India as well. They have a duty to see that the present renaissance in Music and Dance in the South and elsewhere, the good work of the pioneers for over twelve years to bring it about, and the growing appreciation of the different systems of art are in no way prejudiced and they should above all help to make the two great systems gain from each other by frequent mutual contact."

This was the gist of the appeal made by Mr. E. Krishna Iyer, (author of "Personalities in Pre-

sent Day Music" and one of the chief founders of the Music Academy, Madras) in the course of two interesting lectures at Matunga.

Mr. E. Krishna Iyer who is in the All-India Advisory Committee of Prayag Sangita Samaj has been on a short tour in the North as an invitee for some of the conference and other activities of art circles.

**NEW OUTLOOK IN MUSIC.** In the first of his discourses, Mr. Krishna Iyer dealt with music proper. From what all he had witnessed and heard in North Indian Conferences, in some of which he had taken part, he was more convinced that the two systems had much to gain from each other, the North in the matter of evolving a common and workable scientific and theoretical basis to unify its differing school of thought and the South in embellishing its practical art in matters of Boice culture, Melody and graces.

**DANCE WEALTH OF INDIA.** In his second lecture, Mr. Krishna Iyer dealt extensively with the development of the Dance art in India.

In Dance, he continued, India had inherited an invaluable heritage from the past and had one of the richest contributions to make to the world. Bharata Natya has the unique chance of drawing not only North India but also other parts of the civilized world.

In Bharata Natya one finds perfect synchronization of dexterous footwork and beautiful movements of other limbs of the body all crowned by a rare method of expressing emotions and sentiments in gesture language.

**TYPES OF DANCE.** "The Malabar Kathakali was at its best in its 'Thandava' The Bhagavatha Nataka Melia was a more refined dance drama of the Tanjore School though less known than Kathakali. Kathak as practised in the North had these dances wherein the idea of a short theme was expressed more by movements of the body and limb as a whole rather than by detailed gesturing as in the abhinaya of the Southern Types. The Manipuri system was noted for its

characteristic grace in serpent-like glides and movements but without facial expression of "bhava." The Southern Bharata Natya of the Nautch type was remarked in its "lasya" aspect and was remarkable for the great variety of beautiful poses and rhythmic patterns and overflowing wealth or expression in detailed abhinaya with high class Music all embellished with grace, delicacy and refinement. It is found to be the most perfect in its synchronization of rhythm, pose, movement and expression eminently fitted for women."

### JUBBULPORE MARKETS OPEN

C. P. Muslim League Differences And Jinnah's Advice

(From Our Correspondent.)

JUBBULPORE, December 19. Since Jubbulpore is absolutely free from stray assaults and confidence is restored with the re-opening of markets, P. G. Braye, District Magistrate, did not think it advisable to extend the curfew order which automatically expired to-day after ten days. He, however, extended Sec. 144 order till December 31.

The total casualties recorded by the police during the disturbed period since Sunday, December 10 number 162, including three Christians and one Jew were also injured and two died. Two hundred and forty-eight persons were arrested for various offences. It is learnt that owing to rift in Muslim League's rule over the leadership of the ensuing session of C. P. and Berar Muslim League, the Conference due to be held at Jubbulpore during Christmas holidays has been postponed indefinitely under Mr. Jinnah's advice.

Local Leaguers, however, are planning to celebrate "Deliverance Day" on a grand scale.

### QUESTION OF PROFITEERING

Discussion With Dr. Gregory In Bombay

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Publicity Officer, to the Government of Bombay, writes: Dr. T. E. Gregory, Economic Adviser to the Government of India, who was in Bombay on Tuesday, had an interview with Dr. H. T. Sorley, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, on the general problem of the rise in prices and price control.

Dr. Gregory was informed that the Bombay Government proposed to tackle this problem by opening "cost price" grain shops and that the millowners were proposing to do the same. He was informed of the formation of a Consultative Committee to advise the Price Controller, and commended the appointment of this Committee.

It was stated that the Government of India were holding a Conference of Provincial representatives in the third week of January to ascertain generally the views of the Provincial Governments on this very difficult problem and to find out whether a scheme could be worked out by which the Provinces might deal with the matter on some uniform lines.

The Government of India, it was also stated, were desirous of ascertaining the views of Provincial Governments with regard to futures in forward markets.

### Gokak Workers And Pre-War Prices

(From A Correspondent.)

GOKAK FALLS, Dec. 19. The Gokak mills intend to take necessary steps to make available to their employees food stuffs at pre-war prices with a view to preventing any rise in the cost of living as a consequence of war.

### Death Of Recruiting Officer

(From A Correspondent.)

Death occurred at Unmarked on the 11th morning of Rao Sahib R. M. Dhatri, M.B.E., retired E.A.C. (E.A.R.O.) suddenly on account of heart failure. He was a resident of Nasik and belonged to Maratha Wanjari community. He worked during the last war of 1914-1918, as the District Recruiting Officer, Amraoti, for which his name was mentioned in the despatches by the Commander-in-Chief of India and he got titles of "Rao Sahib" and "M.B.E." as well as a War Badge.

He worked on the Mahar Baluta Committee in the regime of Sir Frank S. He officiated as a Deputy Commissioner for some time at Akola. At the time of his death, he was 68 years of age and was again appointed Extra-Assistant Recruiting Officer for Yeotmal and Akola Divisions.

The Government of India have it is understood, sanctioned a sum of Rs. 60,000 for improvement of the quarters of the officers of the Accountant-General's offices in Bihar and Orissa.

### "COST PRICE" SHOPS

Question Discussed By Price Control Committee

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Consultative Committee for Price Control which had its first meeting at the Civil Secretariat on Monday afternoon is understood to have examined the comparative prices of the important food grains with a view to recommend the maximum prices to be fixed on each commodity for retail dealers.

The Committee also examined the scheme for opening of "cost price" retail shops in all the Municipal Wards for the sale of important commodities.

Further consideration of these schemes connected with price control will be taken up on Wednesday. The Committee has decided to meet at regular intervals.

### Govt. Of India Propose Price Control Conference

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19.

The Government of India, it is understood, propose to convene a price control conference with representatives of provincial Governments and Indian States at New Delhi on January 24 and 25. The usual invitations are being issued.

### NO REDUCTION IN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

The Public Holidays Inquiry Committee, has submitted its report to the Government of Bombay.

The 'status quo' will be maintained if the report of the Committee is accepted by Government.

The Committee was appointed by Government in September last, with the Mayor of Bombay, Mr. B. N. Karanjia, as chairman, in the hope that it would recommend a reduction of public holidays.

In the course of the discussions, suggestions were put forward that three Christian holidays, Easter Monday, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, one Parsi holiday, Zarthost No Diso, and one Hindu and one Muslim holiday should be cancelled.

At that stage, it is understood, the Committee was dumped with memorials from associations and individuals of all communities asking for more holidays. Eventually, the members of the Committee, it is learnt, thought that they would be serving the interests of the public by not reducing the number of holidays.

### ON MODEL OF BR. INDUSTRIES FAIR

Exhibition To Be Held In Bombay Next Year

NEW DELHI, Dec. 17.

An exhibition modelled on the lines of the British Industries Fair, it is understood, will soon be held in Bombay. The Passenger and Traffic Relief Association, Bombay, and the Bombay Branch of the Indian Roads and Transport Development Association are collaborating to hold a Travel and Transport Exhibition in Bombay some time in the earlier part of the next year.

The exhibition will have for its subjects the demonstration of every aspect of travelling and transport, so as to bring into prominence the progress achieved in modern transport and the problems that await solution.—United Press.

### Bombay Workers' Rally

A Rally of the Bombay workers was held on Sunday evening on the Kamgar Maidan, Parel, to support the proposed Mahagat Conference, due to be held on the 24th December.

Thousands of workers, belonging to various occupations such as, textile, railway, tramway, press, municipal, hawkers, etc., participated in the Rally. Mr. S. G. Tambitkar, Secretary, B. G. K. U. (Red Flag) presided. Messrs. Nagaraj, Dande and Phase spoke. Thousands of workers have already become members of the conference. Messrs. Nimkar, Gokak and Parulekar are touring Maharashtra, Gujarat and Karnataka respectively for the last one week to popularise the Conference.

### Congress Propaganda In Kalyan Taluka

Under the auspices of the Kalyan Taluka Congress Committee, Six Public Meetings were held in the course of the last week at Badlapur, Ambernath, Malgadga Wadi, Khidkati, Bapsai and Gandhari. The meetings were largely attended by farmers and workers from all over the adjoining villages.

### Indian Red Cross Funds

NEW DELHI, Dec. 17. The Central Joint War Committee of the Indian Red Cross Society and St. John's Ambulance Association (Indian Council) have received up to the 15th December, 1939, Rs. 1,13,977 including Rs. 1,00,000 from His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund as subscriptions.—United Press.

DHARANGAON, Dec. 17.—Mr. N. S. V. D.E. for Association. The last three days and has been giving Lantern lectures and cinema shows on subjects of School instruction as well as adult education.

### "NARANARAYAN" IN BENGALI

Brilliant Acting By Rabi Roy

The Charity performance of the famous Bengali drama, "Naranarayan," by the noted dramatist Pandit Kshiroda Prasad Vidya-vinoda in aid of the Anglo-Bengali School and Milan Mandir, staged at the Damodar Thackersey Hall, Parel, on Sunday last, was highly successful both from the dramatic and financial points of view. The elite of the Bengali Society of Bombay attended the show and bestowed their eloquent appreciation on the fine acting of some of the prominent actors.

**SUPERB ACTING BY RABI ROY.** Rabi Roy, the celebrated actor of Calcutta, who played the leading role of 'Karna' was undoubtedly the most brilliant of all the performers. His acting was superb. Then Sasadhar Chatterjee as Shikrishna, Bhola Das Chatterjee as Parasuram, Bankim Banerjee as Bhima, Suranjan Lahiri as 'Draupadi' and as 'Padmavati' gave excellent displays of their histrionic abilities. Anil Maitra as 'Ghatotkach' was an impressive figure and did his part exceedingly well.

**OTHER ATTRACTIONS.** The play was further brightened by the beautiful dances of Miss Uma Maitra, daughter of Mr. J. C. Maitra, and melodious songs of Sital Hari Ghosh, the well-known radio-singer of Bengal. And the Orchestra of the Milan Mandir led by Mr. N. K. Chatterjee entertained the audience with some fine selections of music.

During one of the intervals, Mr. J. C. Maitra, President of the Milan Mandir, thanked all those who had helped to make the show a successful one in all respects.

### IMAM OF YEMEN ILL

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CAIRO. (By air mail.) According to a report published here, H. M. Imam of Yemen is seriously ill and has been confined to bed for last three weeks. The Crown Prince, Ahmed Saifal Islam, is now assuming the administration of the State.

### War Allowances For Vile Parle Civic Workers

(From Our Correspondent.)

VILE PARLE, Dec. 18. The most important resolution sponsored by the Congress Party and accepted by a large majority at the special meeting of the General Board of the Vile Parle Municipality on Sunday morning was one according sanction to the grant of a uniform war allowance of Rs. 3 p.m., to all the employees of the Municipality getting a salary of Rs. 45 p.m., and under.

**A NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING.** A Board adopted the report of the special Committee, recommending the sale of the present Municipal building and of a plot belonging to the Municipality now being used by the Vile Parle Gymkhana on Ghodbunder Road, and to utilize the proceeds towards the construction of a new building in the Telgal Scheme (East) just opposite to the Railway Station.

### Poona City Workers Demand Increased Wages

(From Our Correspondent.)

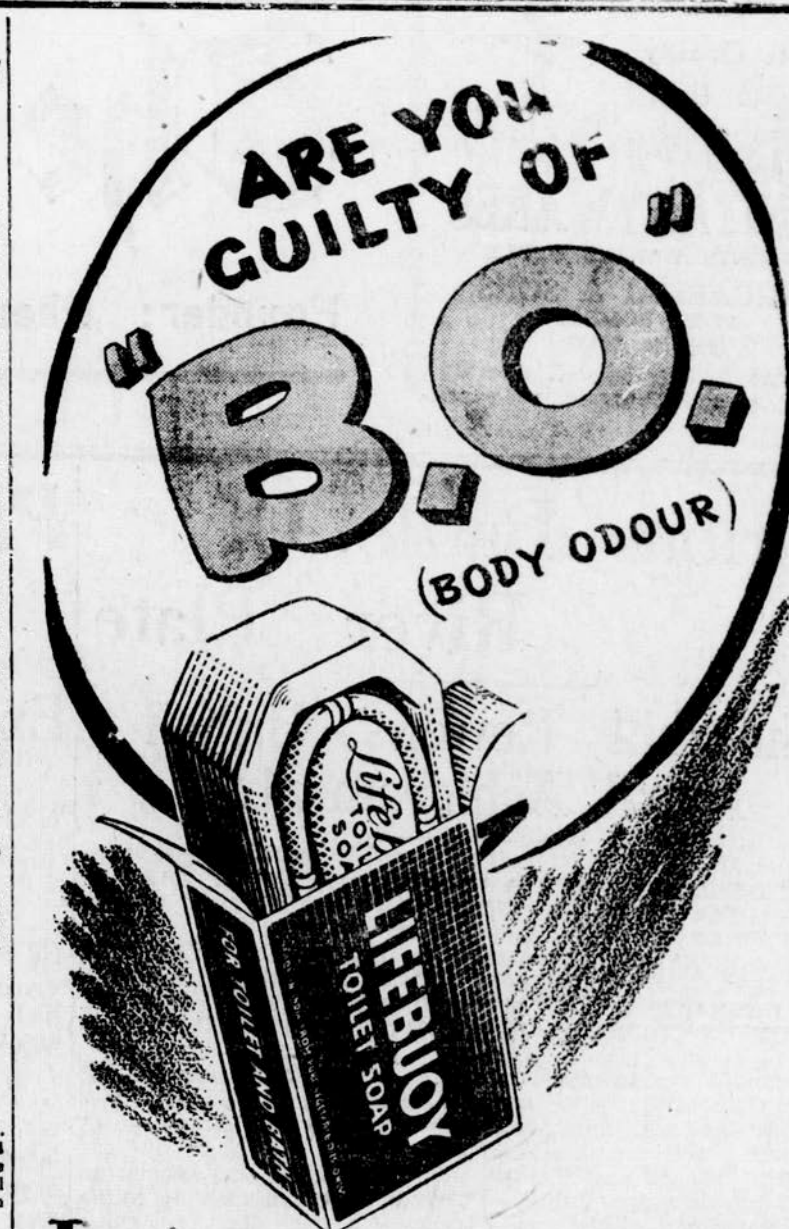
POONA, Dec. 17. A procession of Poona City Municipal workers paraded through the streets this evening demanding increase in wages, due to rise in prices of food-stuffs, and also urging the Municipality to open cheap grain shops for their use.

The procession was organised under the auspices of the Municipal Workers' Union, and the processionists included a number of women workers of the Municipality. The procession marched on the Vishram Bag Wada Municipal Offices, where they were met by municipal authorities, who promised sympathetic consideration of their demands. The processionists then dispersed.

### S. N. D. T. SCHOOL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The need for education of women was emphasised by Rani Laxmibai Rajwade, speaking at the fifteenth anniversary and social gathering of the S. N. D. Thackersey Girls' School held in the premises of the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Saturday evening. Rani Laxmibai thanked the organisers for the honour extended to her to preside over the function. She distributed the prizes to the girls.

The play staged by the school girls was much appreciated by the audience.



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## Glorious Battle Of River Plate

### Churchill Reviews British Naval Achievements

LONDON, Dec. 18. THE DISCLOSURE THAT A LEADING DIVISION OF THE CANADIAN ARMY STRONGLY ESCORTED ACROSS THE OCEAN AND GUARDED BY OUR MAIN BATTLE FLEET HAD DISEMBARKED SAFELY AND SMOOTHLY IN ONE OF OUR HARBOURS FOR A PERIOD OF INTENSIVE TRAINING BEFORE JOINING THEIR COMRADES ON THE WESTERN FRONT WAS MADE BY MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL IN A BROADCAST TO-NIGHT.

Mr. Churchill broadcasting on the "The Glorious Battle of the River Plate" declared: the news was received with thankfulness in the British Isles and with unqualified satisfaction throughout the greater part of the world. The Raider's end came in a form most serviceable to those who had taken arms in accordance with the League Covenant and the adherents to the cause of freedom in all lands. Despite her far heavier armament and commanding range, she was driven to take refuge in a neutral harbour.

Then she had an alternative of submitting either to internment or going down in battle like the "Rawalpindi", which would have been honourable to her.

#### "GRAF SPEE'S" COWARDICE

She found a third alternative of emerging not to fight but to sink herself in the fairway or a neutral state from where she received shelter and succour as prescribed by International Law. She knew that the British heavy ships H. M. S. "Renown" and H. M. S. "Ark Royal" were still a thousand miles away offing at Rio. All that awaited her outside the harbour were two six-inch gun cruisers "Ajax", "Achilles" and an eight-inch gun cruiser "Cumberland" which had arrived to replace the damaged "Exeter".

#### AGAINST ODDS

Our losses had not been slight. The "Ajax" had two out of her four turrets knocked out, while the "Exeter" bore up against 40 to 50 hits, many from shells of three times the weight of those she could fire back. Three of her eight-inch guns were smashed and she sustained nearly a hundred casualties, by far the greater part of whom were killed.

Nevertheless the "Exeter" remained outside Monte Video ready, although crippled, to participate in a fresh attack and only departed to care for the casualties when she was relieved by the "Cumberland".

#### BEST WEEK FOR BRITISH SUBMARINES

"In the North Sea the British submarines had the best week I can remember in this war or the last. The British submarines suffer a serious disadvantage in having few targets. They are not allowed to sink merchantships without providing for the safety of the crew and they do not

attack neutral vessels and humble fishing-boats, and German warships hardly ever venture out of port. The exploits of the submarine "Salmon" are praiseworthy in the highest degree. She abstained from torpedoing the "Bremen" when the "Bremen" was at her mercy. When she observed the German fleet vessels on one of their rare excursions, she hit two cruisers which may have been able to limp home, but this by no means is certain in the case of one of them. Anyway they will be out of action for many a long month.

#### GERMAN NAVAL STRENGTH REDUCED

Meanwhile the entire German fleet, have abandoned whatever enterprise they have had. To-day the "Ursula" reports sinking a cruiser although she was surrounded by German destroyers. A considerable proportion of the total German cruiser strength has been put out of action in a single week.

The Nazi Navy and Air Force are venting their wrath by redoubling their efforts on sinking fishing smacks and drowning fishermen. Their Air Force yesterday and to-day had been trying to bomb unarmed merchantmen including an Italian ship and even in some cases, machine-gunned sailors on decks but the heat of their fury far exceeded the accuracy of their aim.

Of the 24 ships attacked by bombs only six small boats were sunk and the bulk were not even hit. These outrages were tactics of the guilty regime which feels the strong arm of sea-power laid upon its shoulder. Although German mines of all kinds were being scattered profusely, the whole vast movement of the British traffic is proceeding uninterrupted.

#### DETAILS OF GERMAN CRUISER SUNK

His Majesty's submarine "Salmon" which Mr. Churchill disclosed was the vessel which sank a U-boat and torpedoed a German cruiser is commanded by Lieut-Commander E. O. B. Pickford.

She is 670 tons, belongs to the sword-fish or patrol type and was launched in April 1934. The commander of "Ursula" is Lieut. Commander G. C. Phillips.—Reuter.

## Philosophers' Prescription For Ills Of The World

### Exalt Indian Ideal Of Service Rooted In Love

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)  
HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Dec. 19.

"Your deliberations are of great utility. Scientific misapplication of doctrines like those of the survival of the fittest and even of philosophical ideal like nationalism, is leading to the worship of Might and to the oppression of the weak by the strong.

Just as architecture is harmony in brick and mortar, music in sound, painting in colour, so philosophy is harmony in thought and life" observed Sir Akbar Hydari, President of the Nizam's Executive Council and Chancellor Osmania University, while opening the 15th session, of the Indian Philosophical Congress at the University Town Adigmet this morning before a huge gathering of delegates, who came down to Hyderabad from various parts of India.

Mr. Hiryanra of Mysore is the president under whose leadership the Congress is holding its session for three days.

Proceeding Sir Akbar said:—"In a world which is to-day so inclined towards the immediate results, the profession of philosophy is apt to be regarded as an occupation tending to unreality. Some accuse it for drawing support from history, of creating ferment and unsettlement and ideas of demolishing old gods, without replacing them by new ones, of shaking the fabric of human belief on which rests much of the hopes of mankind without presenting to mind the comfort it needs, amid spiritual and material concerns of an increasingly complicated existence."

#### PHILOSOPHY AIDS ADMINISTRATION

Paying a tribute to philosophy Sir Akbar added "So long as imagination remains a human faculty, philosophy in its larger sense will remain of human interest."

"To an administrator in India, proceeded Sir Akbar, inherits as he does as an Indian traditions, diverse the philosophies, Hindu, Muslim and others, this vital philosophy as I have called, has immeasurable value for just as logic may afford training to his thought and psychology, scientific insight into the working of the human mind, appreciation of mysticism and philosophy may bring greater realisation of unity amidst what is only an apparent conflict, and of the true basis of such concepts as equity and justice."

#### ANTIDOTE TO COMMUNALISM

In welcoming the delegates to the Congress, Nawab Mehdiyar Jung Bahadur dealt at length about communalism that was rampant in India at present.

He observed "We are painfully aware of the religious and sectarian strife and conflict by which our Country is being torn. This turmoil would end if only self-interests were subordinated to the interests of country as a whole. To my mind, philosophy is one of the best antidotes to

narrow-minded communalism of our day."

Later Mr. Hiryanra delivered his speech tracing the growth of the Indian Philosophy and its construction for about half an hour which was heard with apt attention.

#### NIZAM'S MESSAGE

The following message was sent to the Congress by His Exalted Highness the Nizam, which was read at the opening of the session by Sir Akbar Hydari.

"I have great pleasure in sending this message to the scholars of philosophy, who have gathered here to exchange their thoughts and ideas, and to examine afresh the heritage of the ages past, about vital and fundamental problems of existence. I consider it auspicious that the devotees of Mother of Arts and Science should meet in these premises almost within the fortnight of the opening ceremony of this building (arts college). India has been cradle of philosophy and the Decan has had the distinction of producing thinkers of first rank. I hope that renaissance, learning and revival of India's best thought will be greatly furthered by such a gathering and that the interplay of thoughts will clarify the important problems and be source of enrichment of the intellectual life in its various aspects."

#### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

After the welcome address by Nawab Mehdiyar Jung, the Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University, Mr. Hiryanra, President, of the Congress delivered his presidential address in the course of which he said "The subject that I have selected for the address which it is customary to deliver on such occasions possesses little technical importance. It is the old and familiar theme of ideal of life, only I deal with it here from the Indian stand point. One more striking feature of Indian thought is its many-sidedness. It includes all possible types of solutions, of the chief problems of philosophy. We have monism and pluralism, idealism and realism of diverse shades, represented in

## Silver Price Control

### New Rule Under Defence Of India Act

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19.

A new rule under the Defence of India Act, gazetted to-day, lays down that "the Central Government may, if it is of opinion that it is expedient so to do for the purpose of controlling the price of silver in British India, impose on any person authorised to import silver into British India such conditions as it thinks fit, regarding the use or disposal of, or dealings in, silver imported in pursuance of such authorisation."

Contravention of the rule is made punishable with imprisonment up to five years and fine. A further notification provides that the Powers conferred by the above rule on the Central Government shall also be exercisable by the Reserve Bank of India.—A.P.

## Killed In France While On Guard Duty

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The first British soldier victim of the present war, who met his death while on guard duty, for which he had volunteered, is Private William Roper, 26-year-old member of a Labour Company.

What is yet more noteworthy is that this variety which characterises Indian philosophy as a whole appears again in more than one system."

Citing instances from Ramayana, Vedas and other epics of high philosophical ideals and great thoughts and teachings, he concluded his lengthy address thus: "The message of Indian philosophy is that man should seek for fulfilment of his highest being in service. The distinctive feature of this service as have tried to point out are, that it should be rendered in spirit of absolute disinterestedness and that it should be rooted in all comprehensive love which is out to come in complete enlightenment. The great need of the hour is to revivify our faith in this ideal though it is a characteristic feature of the Indian teaching, there is nothing racial or creedal in this ideal to restrict its applicability only to India. It seems on the other hand to possess permanent value for all. When we remember that teaching starts with the watchword "pre-fer not yourself to others" we see that its value should be particularly great in guiding the present day world and saving it from heart-breaking experiences like those through which it is now passing."

## Rousing Welcome To Canadian Expeditionary Force

### Navy Stands On Guard And Aeroplanes Patrol Over The Liners

LONDON, Dec. 18.

FROM THE PORT OF DISEMBARKATION REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT SENDS THIS ACCOUNT OF ENTHUSIASTIC SCENES ON THE ARRIVAL OF THE CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

IN THOUSANDS THE CANADIANS STREAMED ASHORE FROM GREAT LINERS WHILE A FORMIDABLE SQUADRON OF THE NAVY STOOD ON GUARD AND AEROPLANES PATROLLED OVERHEAD GUARDING AGAINST A SURPRISE RAID ON ONE OF THE GREATEST CONCENTRATIONS OF TROOPS SINCE THE WAR BEGAN.

Owing to the secrecy of the arrival only a handful of onlookers were present on Sunday afternoon when the liners began steaming into port. At the sight of land, however, the soldiers lined the decks and sent up roars of cheers bringing people running from their houses. It was a splendid armada that defied through the narrows into the harbour.

Mr. Eden, Sir Charles Grant (representing the King, Mr. Vincent Massey and high military and naval officers boarded the flagship whose band played "Oh, Canada", but the troops cheering drowned the music. The soldiers sang and waved and one man appeared at the top of one of the liners' funnel excitedly waving a rifle. Western cowboys yelled "Whoopee" pipe bugle bands played. The crowds ashore cheered and waved hats and handkerchiefs.

#### King's Message

When the Canadians disembarked, it seemed that they included some Americans and Indians, coloured men as well as representatives from every part of Canada. Many have served in the last war but the majority are youngsters. The men were drawn up at the pier and heard the G.O.C. read a message of welcome from the King who said:—"The British Army and we are proud to have as comrades in

arms, the successors of those who came from Canada in the Great War and fought with heroism that will never be forgotten."

#### Eden's Welcome

The troops doffed their caps and cheered. Mr. Eden then welcomed the Canadians. He said: "The British people will never forget this great act of co-operation. The task before us may be long—it will certainly be tough but in the assurance of the people of the British Commonwealth is the certainty of final victory. We wish you good luck and godspeed."

The Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Force, Major-General A. G. McNaughton, replied expressing gratitude to the King and Mr. Eden, also to the Navy for their splendid safeguarding of the troops across the Atlantic.

The troops then entrained for camp in a distant part of Britain.—Reuter.

## Ban On Manzalga Riot Pictures

KARACHI, Dec. 18.

The District Magistrate of Sukkur has announced that the publication of pictures relating to incidents during the riots in Sukkur and in Upper Sind is prohibited.

Accordingly, the police raided certain shops and newspaper offices in Sukkur and seized several photographs and negatives.—United Press.

## DONATION FOR X-RAY DEPARTMENT IN BROACH SEVASHRAM

(From Our Correspondent)  
BROACH (By Mail).

The Broach Sevashram has received from Messrs Damji Shivil Narandas Dharamsey and Lalji Devkar trustees of the Radhabai Tulidas Cooverji charitable trusts, through their solicitors, Messrs. Dayalji and Dipchand, a generous donation of Rupees 20,000 for an X-Ray department to be named after Shreemati Radhabai Tulidas Cooverji.

## The Half-Column "By Dim"

Sir Homi Mody said at the Commerce Graduates' Dinner that his name was constantly being mixed up with that of Sir Homi Mehta. Now I want to know who really did the Lambeth Walk?

Christmas news from Calcutta which will gladden the hearts of many people is that of the beginning of the break-up of the Huq Government. With Nalin Sarkar out of office, the Bengal Ministry is going to have a tough time ahead of it.

In town is Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pundit. I wish someone could persuade her to make Bombay her permanent residence. Then may be when the Congress took office again she could become our Home Member and I would always feel at home.

The progress of Sir Stafford Cripps—from Mr. Jinnah to Mahatma Gandhi.

On the race course in Bombay last Saturday was Seth Hajee Abdullah Haroon, a prominent Muslim leader of Karachi. Some say he is here on a private visit, and they are probably right. But if he stays too long out of Karachi, there may be reason to suppose that there are political reasons for his trip to Bombay. Now let me think—is Karachi too cold or too hot at Christmas? I really don't remember.

As far as I remember it was Gary Cooper who played the lead in "Real Glory". But the Muslim League says I am wrong. Mr. Jinnah will play the lead in it in a special performance on December the 22nd. There will, I hope, be no supporting cast.

## Edgar Wallace

INSPECTOR WADE

## Detective Story

## Day By Day

THE JUG OF DEATH

